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AN UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON, WHITWORTH COLLEGE

APRIL 2001

Greetings from you know where – 12D. It's not that I fly all that much; it just seems that way to people who read the *Mind and Heart*. Writing this newsletter is a way to redeem the time and reduce the misery when I do travel. Yesterday I awoke in San Antonio, and tomorrow I'll wake up in Washington, D.C., but last night I teased my body by letting it sleep in its own bed. Racing through three time zones in three days, including a shift to Daylight Saving Time, has my system in a more confused state than usual. Fortunately, I'm a lousy sleeper, which I have the ability to be in any time zone. But life awake is good. I hope all of you are doing well and enjoying the first signs of spring. March was a wonderful month at Whitworth. Our students fanned out for a well-deserved break, and even Bonnie and I were able to grab a few days of self-indulgence off the coast of Mexico with Trustee Board Chair Chuck Boppell (who just became a grandpa again, which explains where Grandma was). April is packed, so all of us at Whitworth needed to get restored. I hope those of you who celebrate Easter will experience the spiritual restoration of the risen Christ. Life is good, awake.

ACADEMICS

The Whitworth Graduate School of International Management has been selected as a semi-finalist in the nonprofit category for this year's Agora Awards. The Spokane Regional Chamber of Commerce sponsors this program, which recognizes and honors entrepreneurs for their contributions to the region's economic and cultural progress. Since I'm the chamber's current board chair, this makes me look either A) good by association, or B) bad for exercising influence. The right answer is A. I didn't even know we'd been nominated. Congratulations to the WGSIM team.

Pamela Corpron Parker (English) and Steve Meyer (Philosophy) have each received \$15,000 grants from the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities to direct research projects over the next three years. Pam's will look at the influence of faith on 19th-century women writers, and Steve will continue his work on the argument for design in creation. Both have planned their research to be collaborative with faculty members from other institutions. Notably, of the three grants that the CCCU made available to its nearly 100 member schools, two went to Whitworth faculty.

Our Theatre Department's spring production of the Italian comedy *Servant of Two Masters* delighted audiences during its four-day run. Leading actors included Andrew Ware Lewis (the servant), Zachary Brown, Colin Hesse, Chris Irvine, Julie Kurtz, Lauren Luksic, Julia Marsh and Jan Pettersson. The play was an updated version by Tom Cone of an original work by Carlo Goldoni. Directed by Rick Hornor, '70, this story of romance, disguised identities, and deliberately overdrawn characters was Whitworth's first shot at *commedia dell'arte*. Great fun, and I don't think I've ever seen a more energetic performance. I wouldn't be surprised if the 50-60 cups of coffee Andrew downs each morning gave him a little boost.

The latest Faculty Scholarship Forum was offered by Keith Wyma (Philosophy) on "The Puzzle of Intentional Action and Weakness of Will," or why people do things that they don't want to do and that they know are wrong. I hated to miss that presentation. I have chatted with Keith about some of the fascinating work he has done on the weakness of the will, a subject that I have studied from a social-psychological perspective. These forums, supported by alumni Dave and Carol Myers (Dave is also one of our trustees), have been great.

Frank Caccavo (Biology) has been awarded a \$33,330 Murdock Life Sciences Grant for a research project that studies the use of bacteria to fight toxic waste (*The Ecology of Bioaugmentation with Metal-reducing Bacteria*). This grant will involve undergraduate student research over two summers in examining how bacteria can be used to help clean up toxic waste in soil.

ENROLLMENT

If you know students who hope to attend Whitworth this fall as freshmen, please be aware that the May 1 deposit deadline is fast approaching. Because we already have so many "deposited" students, it is very likely that students who submit their deposits after May 1 will be wait-listed. Freshman applications are up 45 percent, and transfer applications are up 27 percent. We're happy for that, and I hope the tumbling economy doesn't damage too badly our families' ability to afford Whitworth. We're grateful that generous friends of the college are helping us provide financial aid through their gifts, but it's still a huge challenge for students and for us.

The fourth annual Faculty Scholarship Competition was held on campus in March. Approximately 100 senior honors students from high schools in 10 states participated. The applicants spent time with Whitworth faculty and students in small groups, gave individual presentations, and

took part in essay-writing, debates, and problem-solving. I love working with these students. So many teachers and parents can take pride in the excellent work they're doing with high schoolers. The Faculty Scholarship winners this year were Heather Stout, from Central Valley High School in Veradale, Wash., and Josh Rodland, from Snohomish High School in Snohomish, Wash.

The Financial Aid Office is beginning to send out 2001-02 awards to current students. Generally, the award notices will be going to students' on-campus mailboxes. The renewal priority deadline for filing the FAFSA form is May 1, so families still have time to meet this deadline. Please call (509) 777-3215 or e-mail finaid@whitworth.edu if you have questions or concerns.

Sneak Preview for high school juniors and their parents will take place May 6-7. I really like this event. Juniors getting their first look at college life go through excitement, anxiety and wonder within an hour of hitting campus. I, of course, go through exactly the same emotions as I picture these students arriving in fall 2002.

STUDENT LIFE

Most of student life at Whitworth is rich and good. But some elements are not. A couple of days ago one of our African-American students got pulled over by the police and was treated very unfairly. Last night at a special meeting of the Black Student Union, it surfaced that all of the black male students in attendance had been stopped by police, and none had received a citation. "Profiling" is shameful, and it is depressingly common in our "land of the free." Pray for our students – all of our students. As a Christian institution, we are resolved to be an exemplar of racial equality and sensitivity. But at times, I'm sure we are not. The other large, but usually hidden, battle in the lives of a significant number of our students is the use of Internet pornography. We are looking at a series of ways to help students escape and avoid this degrading evil. As a community we are engaged in a very positive discussion of whether Internet filters should be one part of the support we provide. We've learned a great deal and will soon make decisions about appropriate measures to support students in their efforts to live well.

March was consumed with hiring student leaders for next year. Among the many students serving next year in ASWC coordinator positions are Sara Hornor and Josh Smart in intramural sports; Tristan Brown as senior class coordinator; Maren Anderson as SERVE Coordinator (again); Stacey Johnson as campus activities coordinator; Alexis Stuart as special events coordinator; and, finally, Andy Hall as outdoor rec. coordinator. Around 45 RAs and ministry coordinators will be serving the residence halls next year, along with 10 health coordinators, 10 cultural diversity advocates and one residence hall president for each building. ASWC elections for executive positions will take place this month.

RESOURCES

Spring Phonathoners are back at the touch pads, punching in your phone numbers to reach their goal of \$225,000 in pledges to The Whitworth Fund. They're getting close. Thanks for talking to these dedicated students. Thanks even more for your generosity. We really need your help in order to provide financial support for some of the same students who call you. (Speaking of support, I'm now back from Washington, D.C., where two nights ago some Chamber of Commerce folks and I had dinner with Senators Murray and Cantwell and Congressman Nethercutt. It is clear that our energy-cost hikes will not go down soon. Again, thanks for your financial help with this challenge.)

At last, we're moving dirt around. We have started construction of the new residence hall on the east side of campus. The contractor is working on the footings, and if all goes well we're hoping that it will be finished sometime in the fall.

Both the Financial Aid Office and the Athletics Department staffs have worked closely with our award-winning web team to redesign their presence on the Whitworth site. Please check out both sites. These new pages are available at the following locations: www.whitworth.edu/athletics and www.whitworth.edu/administration/financialaid.

We've selected the architectural firm to design the \$6.5-million classroom building that will be the centerpiece of our \$50-million Faith in the Future capital campaign. Spokane's 3E Design Group will work with Sasaki and Associates, a Boston-based firm with a national reputation for designing academic facilities.

ATHLETICS

The Whitworth men's swim team gets better every year. This year the guys finished 11th at the NCAA national championships, the team's highest-ever NCAA finish. Juniors Brent Rice and Troy Schuknecht earned All-America status, while sophomore Ryan Freeman and freshman Kevin Wang were honorable mention All-Americans. Rice (carrying on his family's amazing swimming dominance) finished fourth in the 400 I.M., setting a new Whitworth record, and fifth in the 200 I.M. Schuknecht was 6th in the 100 breaststroke and 8th in the 200 breaststroke. Freeman came in 9th in the 100 backstroke, breaking his own school record in the event. Wang finished 7th in the 1,650 freestyle and became the first Whitworth swimmer ever to beat 16 minutes in that event. Senior Erin Kay competed valiantly at the women's meet, but did not place.

Women's tennis has won five straight matches to improve to 8-4. They recently went 3-0 during a Spring Break trip to California, defeating Dominican College, Mills College and San Francisco State. Senior Amy Austin has played extremely well at No. 3 singles and has teamed with sophomore Jill Huibregtse to form a tough No. 1 doubles duo. Sophomore Addi Norman is 10-2 this season at No. 6 singles.

The men's tennis team, at 6-6 this season, has already improved on last year's 5-11 mark. Seniors Mark Rice and Matt Lemberg have been solid at the top of the singles ladder and have formed an excellent doubles team.

How about the Buc boys of summer? The Whitworth baseball team is in first place in the NWC and off to its best conference start since 1991. The Pirates are 6-1 in the conference – not a bad start for a team that was picked to finish last in the pre-season NWC coaches' poll. Seniors Matt Squires and Matt Neill have been throwing aspirin tablets, each earning important wins the last two weekends, and freshman Josh Taylor and sophomore Marques Molett lead the team in hitting.

The Whitworth softball team continues to struggle against veteran teams. One piece of exciting softball news is the upcoming dedication of the team's beautiful venue, Diana Marks Field. A long-time coach at Whitworth, Marks pioneered women's intercollegiate athletics in the Northwest. It is appropriate that Whitworth's first athletics field dedicated to a women's sport be named in her honor.

The track and field teams look like they've picked up where they left off last season. The men are looking for their first NWC title since 1972, while the women will contend for their first-ever conference championship. Senior Annie Scott broke a decade-old team record in the 10,000

meters at a meet two weekends ago, qualifying provisionally for nationals. The teams' first scoring meet is this weekend at Boppell Track, where they host Puget Sound, Lewis & Clark, Whitman and Eastern Oregon.

ALUMNI

Members of the Class of 1941 and all graduates of 1952 or before are invited to campus for reunion festivities on May 19 and 20. Contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations (800-532-4668, 509-777-3799, khabbestad@whitworth.edu) to RSVP or to get more information.

Registration packets will soon be in the mail for Summer Reunion Weekend, June 29 to July 1. This is the 50th reunion for 1951, the 45th for 1955-57, 35th for 1965-67 and 25th for 1975-77. It will be a terrific time, and I look forward to having breakfast with all of you attendees on Saturday morning. Hard to believe we're getting so old.

Come to campus Saturday, May 5 (Bloomsday weekend), and take a walk through campus. Tours will depart from the Admissions Office (in MacKay Hall) at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Then join us at 8 p.m. for the debut of a new Whitworth-commissioned piece for wind ensemble and choir by Professor Michael Young, who'll retire this spring. This concert will honor Michael's years of service to Whitworth.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Whitworth Institute of Ministry is coming up July 16-20. WIM serves pastors, music/worship directors, lay leaders and families through worship, theological reflection, Bible study, prayer and small-group interaction. This year's institute will focus on the theme of "Making Disciples in the 21st Century" and will feature keynote speaker Robert Mitchell, Bible teacher James Edwards and Convocation leader Karen Petersen Finch, and will include special youth and teen programs, recreational opportunities and family activities. Contact Chapel Assistant Michelle Seefried at (509) 777-3275 or mseefried@whitworth.edu for information. This will be a superb program.

When I include our struggles in these newsletters, I never worry that you might think less of the quality of the Whitworth experience. Sad stuff goes on wherever there are humans, even at Whitworth. Just moments after writing my thoughts on the evils of profiling, I got up to stretch my legs and caught myself assuming that a person standing by the lavatory, who looked not at all like me, probably wasn't very smart. I should get the prize for "not smart." When I get sanctimonious, ignorance often follows. I don't want to think this way, and I don't want our students making such unjust assumptions. I fear that unfairness begets unfairness, and we need to break the cycle. Although tomorrow I will speak to Spokane's mayor about acts of blatant discrimination, it is not fair for me, or for you, to stereotype all Spokane police officers as profilers. But one thing is certain: life is particularly unfair for some of our students. I hope that we at Whitworth can help bring change. Keep us in your prayers. God's best to you all.

Bill Robinson

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AN UPDATE FROM WHITWORTH COLLEGE PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON

DECEMBER 2001

I have no idea how I am going stuff everything into this newsletter. So much is going on. At the moment, I stand (sit, actually) in solidarity with the men's basketball team and 30 alumni/friends mourning the departure of the tropical heat we just left behind in Honolulu. We are returning from a wonderful Thanksgiving excursion, complete with a tournament championship. I wish I could write well enough to express the strong goodness I see in Whitworth students whenever I have a chance like this to spend time with them. In a sense, the quality of our students was symbolized after last night's game. Cutting short their celebration, 13 sweaty players interrupted our standing ovation by drifting up into the stands to thank each one of us for making the trip and supporting them. Their warmth and authenticity reminded me of the scholarship dinner two weeks ago when students and their scholarship benefactors embraced in mutual gratitude. I report these episodes hoping you will realize that our students do not take for granted all of you who stand in applause. Whether your applause takes the form of cheering, financial generosity, prayer or moral support, Whitworth students are so grateful to you for "making the trip." Speaking of trips, I hope this advent season brings you the peace of Christ as you follow Mary and Joseph's redemptive trip to Bethlehem.

ACADEMICS

We are pleased to announce that we've received a \$2-million grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc. This grant will be significant in knitting Whitworth's mission into the vocational futures of our students. In particular, it will enable us to strengthen our longstanding commitment to preparing people for the kind of lay and professional church leadership that responds to the deepest needs of our culture. The five-year project – "Discerning Vocation: Community, Context and Commitments" – is aimed at encouraging all students to explore the theological implications of their life commitments and vocational choices. We are one of 28 colleges and universities in the country to receive Lilly Endowment grants totaling \$55.3 million. Lilly's desire with this program is to enable young people to draw upon resources of religious wisdom as they consider their vocational choices. Thanks to Dale Soden (History/Weyerhaeuser Center) and Campus Pastor Terry McGonigal for their leadership in applying for this grant.

It's not every day that I can report a \$2-million grant, but grantwriter Lynn Noland reports that this has also been a good month for other academic awards.

• **In another Lilly-funded program, our association with the Lilly Fellows Network**, a national group of Protestant and Catholic colleges and universities that examines the meaning of being faith-based institutions, has led to the announcement from the organization's board that Whitworth has been awarded \$56,000 to host the network's summer seminar for college teachers. Under the leadership of Jim Waller (Psychology), we will bring to campus faculty from 12 other institutions for a seminar, "Deliver Us from Evil: Genocide and the Christian World."

• **Richard Stevens (Physics) has received a \$28,000 grant – "Testing and Validation of a Spectroscopic Method to Analyze Carbon Grid Erosion in Ion Thrusters" – from NASA.** This will be very helpful to those of us plagued by carbon grid erosion. Whitworth is the only non-doctoral institution to receive a NASA grant of this kind.

• **Bryan Priddy (Music) has received a \$15,000 grant from Spokane's Wasmer Foundation** for his spring choral concert, *Reflections*. The foundation has also made a special gift of \$25,000 to the Music Department. The Wasmer Foundation, a great friend of Whitworth over the years, is ending its operation and turning over the management of its funds to Foundation Northwest.

• **Randy Michaelis and Barb Sanders (School of Education) have received a \$5,200 grant from the State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction** for further collaboration with secondary-methods teachers and with Spokane-area teachers and principals in the School of Education's new extended placement program.

Anyone who has heard James Edwards teach from the book of Mark has thought, "This man KNOWS Mark, LOVES Mark, and MUST write a commentary on Mark." Now, Jim's sabbatical research, done last year at Cambridge, culminates his years of careful study with the commentary *The Gospel According to Mark*, published by William B. Eerdmans as part of its Pillar New Testament Commentary series. Jim reports that this commentary "represents a *lieblingsarbeit* in my scholarly life – a work dear to my heart." Like Jim's other publications, this commentary will be scholarly, engaging and inspiring.

Many of us have delighted at the performances of senior theatre major Julia Marsh over the past few years, but she wasn't acting last month when she hung up on an angel. Quite understandably, Julia went slightly nuts when she received word that she'd been awarded a prestigious \$18,750 Woodrow Foundation Scholarship. "When I heard, I dropped the phone and hung up on the trustee. I promptly called him back, totally dumbfounded and embarrassed," she says. Julia's scholar-

ship is a full-tuition-and-books award for the 2001-2002 academic year, made possible through the generosity of the Leon Woodrow estate. Congratulations, Julia!

In other scholarship news, a few weeks ago I attended a reception for seven of our freshmen who were named Gates Foundation Scholars during their senior year of high school. The 13-year, \$100-million scholarship program is part of the Washington State Achievers Program, a decade-long initiative established in 2001 by Microsoft founder Bill Gates and his wife, Melinda. The Washington Education Foundation, a nonprofit organization that evolved from Governor Gary Locke's 2020 Commission, administers the program. Gates Foundation Scholars include Jennifer Miner, Seth Sather, Angela Akre, Shawna Midland, Gregory Annis, Sheila Sutherland and Ernestcarl Policarpio.

The Seattle-Tacoma Christmas concerts were glorious. Christ's coming was proclaimed majestically, both in program and performance. More than 100 wonderful students were led by director Bryan Priddy, with great help from Debbie Hansen leading the Chamber Singers, Pat Stien doing the narration, and Bonnie Robinson (who received heroic domestic support from her husband) playing the organ and piano.

ENROLLMENT

We hosted 175 prospective students at our annual Great Escape campus visit program Nov. 11-12. It was great. I was reminded of how much I love spending time with the students' parents. I see an interesting twist on the emotions I witnessed doing church nursery duty 20 years ago. Back then, we'd get an exhaustive list of instructions from first-time parents, while veteran parents would execute a quarterback handoff without even breaking stride. I was always sort of ready for a lateral, just in case. But parents have pretty sticky fingers when it comes to handing off that last child to college. I can relate; we have a 12th grader ourselves. Just last month I groaned to her math teacher, "Mr. Nord, flunk her. I want her for one more year."

Campus Close-up for interested high-school seniors and parents will be held Feb. 17-18. Online registration is available through the prospective-student section of our website.

News flash: Congress recently revised the tax laws to provide more benefits to students and their parents, creating a new "above the line" deduction for qualified higher-education expenses and updating the student-loan interest-deduction benefit and the Education Individual Retirement Arrangement (IRA). For more information, refer to IRS Publication 970, *Tax Benefits for Higher Education*, or visit www.ed.gov/inits/hope. The 2001 version of the IRS publication should be posted there soon.

STUDENT LIFE

November concluded with a hip-hop performance by the ASWC club "Hulkamaniacs." These dudes have spun on their heads a few too many times, but they're great. They had planned to breakdance their way to Colorado for several performances, claiming their fame was exploding all over the world. Unfortunately, the weather killed the trip. December will be filled with Christmas cheer. "Jubilation" will perform their winter dance show; the Christmas concerts come to Spokane; and ASWC will present their annual Evening in December, featuring music, Christmas readings by staff and faculty, and plenty of frivolity and food. Paying the price for all this fun, students will conclude the semester by engaging in huge study marathons before they say fast good-byes and head off to get some serious sleep.

RESOURCES

I hope those of you who read this newsletter regularly have noticed that I use it far more to say "thank you" than to make requests. I do,

however, try to keep you apprised of our financial condition. In that vein, you should know that we are facing some pretty fierce challenges. Several big, unpredictable spikes in our costs (energy, health care, and insurance) have coupled with our own version of the national, post-September 11 decline in contributions to charities that are not directly related to the terrorist attacks. We are steeply behind in our annual gifts to The Whitworth Fund. Also, we're a little worried about December, by far our biggest giving month each year, because we don't expect the normal number of appreciated stock gifts, since nobody seems to have any of that stuff. What this means is that there is less money out there and there are fewer tax advantages for those who give it away. So we are hoping that the people who believe in what we are doing, and who are able to give, will step forward and really help us this year. It would be great if you can join many of us who will be giving more from less because we love this place. Thanks.

Two factors have influenced our decision to close the campus between Christmas and New Year's Day this year. First, the calendar minimizes the number of lost days. Second, steep price increases in electricity and natural gas make it economically attractive to turn off the lights and lower the temperatures of all campus buildings. However, and this is a big "however," we will keep our Advancement Office open for those making year-end gifts to the college (509-777-3243 or 800-532-4668). Also, some of our athletics facilities will remain open for practices.

We extend great thanks to Congressman Nethercutt and Senators Murray and Cantwell for helping us secure federal funds for a regional resource center in our new academic building. Congressman Nethercutt put a ton of energy into this effort, and we are committed to making the people of his district the beneficiaries.

ATHLETICS

We just completed what surely is the most successful fall sports season in Whitworth history. These reports take up a lot of space, but I have to mention these achievements.

The football team (7-2 overall, 4-1 NWC) concluded its best season in 40 years when the Pirates lost a heartbreaking 27-26 overtime decision to PLU in the first round of the NCAA tournament in the Pine Bowl. Showing the kind of heart that led to five come-from-behind wins this season, the Bucs rallied from a 20-3 halftime deficit to force an exciting overtime. Whitworth took home all three of the most coveted conference awards. John Tully was named Northwest Conference Coach of the Year, quarterback Scott Biglin was picked as the NWC Offensive Player of the Year and linebacker Doug Edmonson was chosen as the NWC Defensive Player of the Year. In all, 20 Pirates were selected as first-team, second-team or honorable mention All-NWC.

The volleyball team (19-6 overall, 14-2 NWC) earned its first NWC title since 1991, advancing to the NCAA West Region playoffs, where Whitworth unfortunately met the eventual national champion, the University of LaVerne (Calif.). The Bucs had to win a courageous match at UPS to tie the Loggers for the NWC title. Down two games in a hostile gym, the Bucs rallied to win three straight games to pull out the victory. Steve Rupe was picked by his colleagues around the NWC as the Coach of the Year. Julie Weatherred earned NWC Player of the Year kudos and was also named first-team AVCA All-America, becoming only the second athlete

in Whitworth history to be so honored. Krister Turner and Lindsey Wagstaff were both first-team All-NWC, while setter Nicole Weedman was selected to the second team. What a great year!

The Whitworth men's soccer team (14-5-2 overall, 10-3-1 NWC) won its first NWC title since 1992, and advanced to the NCAA West Region finals, where the Bucs lost a heartbreaking 1-0 overtime decision to the University of Redlands (which went on to the NCAA championship game). The Bucs' defense was incredible this season, allowing only 13 goals in 21 total matches and recording 13 shutouts. The key to that defense was a pair of first-team All-Northwest Conference honorees, defender Matt Stueckle and goalie Doug Lupton. Brandon Carlson, Rawley Doggett and Scott Kerwien were second-team selections for the Pirates. And, you guessed it, Sean Bushey was named NWC Coach of the Year.

And cross-country was represented in the post-season tournament by sophomore Leslie Nelson, who became the first Whitworth runner to qualify for the NCAA Division III championships. She finished 120th (out of 215 finishers) at the meet, which was hosted by Augustana College in Illinois. She led the Pirate women to a 4th-place finish at the NCAA West regional championships, tying for the highest-ever team finish by the Pirates.

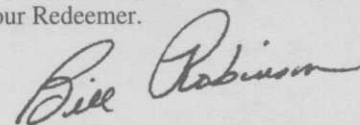
Winter sports also look great, but all of this fall sports NCAA action has eaten up my space. I'll give a thorough report in January. Let me just say that as of this writing, senior Erica Ewart has led women's basketball to a 4-1 mark, with Head Coach Helen Higgs having notched her 100th victory, securing her place as the winningest women's basketball coach in Whitworth history. Our men's team has racked up lopsided victories on the way to a 3-1 record, with Head Coach Jim Hayford ringing up his first victory and winning the championship of the first-ever Whitworth Hawaiian Invitational. Bryan Depew, Gunner Olsen and Chase Williams were named to the all-tournament team. Finally, our swim teams, whom I had a chance to see compete last Saturday at the Husky Invitational in Federal Way, are going to contend again this year for conference championships. Brent Rice, Kevin Wang, Ryan Freeman, Cory Bergman, Serena Fadel and Emily Brandler have already posted times that could send them to nationals.

ALUMNI

Core 650 is coming to Southern California. Enjoy an interactive lecture from Professor Jim Waller (Psychology) on Jan. 26 at Trinity United Presbyterian Church in Santa Ana as he discusses "Children of Cain: How Ordinary People Commit Extraordinary Evil." Register online at www.whitworth.edu/calendar/alumni_calendar.htm.

Join us for Alumni Night at the Fieldhouse, as Whitworth takes on Lewis & Clark on Feb. 2. Free admission for basketball and ice cream!

Well, I have more to say, but I am flat out of space. So let me conclude by encouraging you to find the joy in anticipation. I guess it's easier to be agitated by not having what we want than to find that strange pleasure in aching with expectation. So this year as we add our heralds of "Come quickly, Lord Jesus" to voices of saints throughout the ages, may we know the joy of hearts that long for our Redeemer.



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FEBRUARY 2001

Well, it's Groundhog Day. My siblings and I can't think of groundhogs without wincing. In our dad's later years it seems he did a little hunting from the living room. According to our mother, he would sit just inside their open front door, waiting to pump a little lead into the ill-fated critters that were digging up the front porch. After a few bad shots, traumatized neighbors started waving white flags every time they saw Dad. This year, Groundhog Day marks the end of a fascinating week for me. I was lobbying in Washington, D.C., for the first part of the week and in Olympia for the last part. In summary, D.C. has money; Olympia doesn't. When Senator Ted Kennedy told a group of us college presidents he was excited about President Bush's education plans, we figured that was about as bipartisan as it gets. As I reflect on a week in which I had conversations with Senate and House representatives at both state and federal levels, as well as a discussion with Washington Governor Gary Locke, I am enormously impressed with the hard work, sharp minds, good will and desire to serve exhibited by these folks. They get bashed by a lot of us on the sidelines. But they want to help students, and for that we should all be grateful.

ACADEMICS

We are pleased to announce the establishment of Whitworth's School of Global Commerce and Management, effective July 1. In forming this school, we are pulling together into one unit our undergraduate business programs and our master's degree program in international management. The new school will operate much the same way as our School of Education has functioned since it was founded in 1991. Whitworth has been widely recognized for its strong international emphasis, even before globalism overtook the business world. So we are formalizing an institutional strength while creating synergy and efficiency through the integration of two related departments. We've begun the search for a dean to head this new school; we're looking for a person who's skilled in both the academic and business arenas, who can help our students make great mind-and-heart contributions in the expanding world of business.

The end of January brought two internationally known speakers to campus. Author and neuropsychologist Malcolm Jeeves provided a fascinating exploration of the neurological and biblical evidence about the relationship between body and soul. Two days after Dr. Jeeves' visit, we welcomed author, educator and peacemaker Fr. Elias Chacour, a Christian Palestinian who has been nominated several times for the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in the Middle East. After pleading for a halt to the persecution of Palestinians, he asked simply for friendship. But his request was conditional: "If being our friend means the Jew is your enemy, we don't want your friendship." Chacour lives out the axiom that without forgiveness, we won't know peace.

In the past 24 hours I have heard two examples of indirect ways in which our students benefit from the excellence of the Whitworth faculty. Susan Mabry (Computer Science) is currently helping the Boeing Corp. arrive at optimal computing solutions for air traffic management, and Tony Mega (Chemistry) is helping Hollister-Stier with some complicated sugar analyses. These relationships allow faculty members to keep current with real-world applications as they develop their curricula. Moreover, these relationships often lead to internships and jobs for our students.

We typically welcome new faculty aboard in the fall, but this month we have four joining us in both permanent and interim capacities: Christie Anderson (Organizational Management), Keith Beebe (Religion), Gretchen Hoy (Economics and Business) and Jason Tobeck (Kinesiology and Athletics). Jason, by the way, is a Whitworth grad ('94/'98 MA) and former football star. Now he stays in shape by playing noonball, trying to make me feel good by sinking to the level of my rapidly deteriorating hoops skills. But I believe I have reached depths that not even an obsequious new faculty member can plumb. Alas. Actually, all four of these folks are very gifted and I am quite proud to have handed Jason both of his Whitworth diplomas.

Congratulations to Terry McGonigal (Chapel), Jerry Sittser (Religion) and Dale Soden (History/Weyerhaeuser Center for Christian Faith and Learning) on receiving a \$50,000 planning grant from the Lilly Endowment. The grant will help Whitworth prepare a major request to Lilly to fund our studies of how we can help our students understand their future jobs in light of their faith, or to link their career choices to vocation and ministry.

The Whitworth Wind Ensemble will perform on Friday, Feb. 16, at the All-Northwest Music Educators Convention in Spokane. The wind ensemble was one of two college/university wind ensembles from the six-state Northwest region invited to perform at this prestigious event, and this is the group's second consecutive invitation to appear at All-Northwest.

Also, the ensemble's latest CD, *New Century Dawn*, is available for purchase (\$16) through the Music Department office. It was recorded last spring and includes selections from the group's spring tour program.

I've just run across great reviews of two books recently published by our faculty members: Religion Professor Jim Edwards' *The Divine Intruder*, Navpress, and Dale Soden's *The Reverend Mark Matthews*, University of Washington Press. Of Jim's book, *Prism* magazine writes, "Edwards cuts through all the clichés and claptrap of contemporary Christianity and gets to the heart of the gospel." The review is packed with accolades, but this quote is the one Jim most hopes is true. The *Columbia* magazine review of Dale's book on Mark Matthews, pastor of Seattle's First Presbyterian Church from 1902 to 1940, concludes by noting, "...Soden's book is filled with history, each chapter bringing new surprises and information.... It would be hard to read this book without recommending it to others."

ENROLLMENT

Freshman applications for fall 2001 are well ahead of last year. As of Feb. 1 we have received 1,021 freshman applications, compared with 565 a year ago. The main reason for the increase is an accelerated timeline that completes the application process more rapidly, but we do expect at least a 20-percent increase in this year's application pool.

STUDENT LIFE

February is the start of the spring rush in the student-life arena. Valentine's Day brings "The Dating Game," with the lucky winning couples being treated to all-expenses-paid dream dates. Discounted symphony and movie tickets will also be sold this month to continue the month's "Night on the Town" theme. Also, the Black Student Union will host an entertaining evening called "The Gathering," and toward the end of the month they'll sponsor a soul-food dinner and dance. I want you to know that romance is alive and well on college campuses. For example, I asked one of our sophomore men what special little thing he would do for his sweetheart on Valentine's Day. He suavely replied, "Maybe I'll shower."

RESOURCES

We are very excited about President Bush's desire to permit charitable rollovers of funds in tax-deferred retirement accounts. This plan would allow people at least 59 years old to transfer funds from their retirement accounts to Whitworth without paying tax on the asset. This provision is among the items I stumped for last week in D.C. As the arm of our Institutional Advancement Office that focuses on deferred gifts such as annuities, trusts and bequests, The Whitworth Foundation will watch this closely. By the way, the foundation is doing well under the leadership of Executive Director Jan Stricklin and Board Chair Ray Lawton. Effective the first of this year, the foundation has established a new relationship with Kaspick and Co., of Palo Alto, Calif., to provide administrative and investment services to the foundation and to our many and valued trust donors.

Yesterday, a half-dozen Whitworth students stuffed themselves into our beater van and went to Schweitzer ski resort, where they skied on more than a foot of day-old powder. That's the good news about the weather. But the good news for the skiers is bad news for our heating bills, because it is unseasonably cold. With our monstrous new energy rates, we need a heat wave. In the face of these big energy bills, we also need all of our great friends who made pledges to The Whitworth Fund to remember us by June 30. Many of you already have, and we thank you. If you haven't yet decided what to give to The Whitworth Fund, anything you can do will give us a nice warm feeling. Thanks.

I have two wonderful acts of generosity to report. Alumni Walter and Shirley Oliver ('67/'77MA and '77, respectively) have pledged \$500,000 to the new academic building. We are so grateful! But even if the Olivers never gave a dime, they still would have enriched Whitworth immensely. Walt's wisdom, charm and hard work as a member of our board of trustees have earned him the praise of our Advancement staff, who say that he's a phenomenal Development Committee chair. To our African-American students, both Walt and Shirley have been role models of spiritual, relational and professional success. And Shirley has lit up every room she's ever entered, including many here at Whitworth. So thanks to these two wonderful Whitworthians. We also received a bequest of \$100,000 from the estate of Ester and Hal Dornsife. The Dornsifes were so impressed with Whitworth President Ed Lindaman that they established an endowed chair in his name. This latest bequest from them is being applied to a faculty-development endowment they funded a couple of years ago in the name of their pastor and friend Rev. Jim Little, a former Whitworth trustee and another one of God's treasures. Deep appreciation to the Dornsife family!

The final great news that I'm thrilled to report is that our anonymous donors for the new residence hall have pledged the balance we need to begin construction this spring. This is a huge gift, and one that's being made by a couple with big hearts and a strong love for Whitworth. The facility should be ready sometime in mid-fall, depending on when the ground thaws, which this weather isn't helping. We are blessed by the generosity of these wonderful friends of Whitworth.

ATHLETICS

You have to love our swim teams. The Pirate men finished the regular season 9-3 overall and 6-0 against Northwest Conference opponents, including last Saturday's 126-79 handling of powerhouse UPS. The Pirate men have a great chance for the NWC title (Feb. 15-17) at the Evergreen State College in Olympia. Juniors Troy Schuknecht and Brent Rice have each been named NWC Swimmer of the Week in January. The women's team finished 7-5 overall and 5-1 in the NWC. Their only conference loss was to Puget Sound. Senior Erin Kay and junior Marta Holsinger have been outstanding and could be favorites to win events at the NWC championships. Head Coach Tom Dodd always has these teams on top of the league.

The women's basketball team is 8-10 overall and 6-5 in the Northwest Conference. The Bucs are still alive for the final playoff berth (3rd place) in the NWC because they host both of the league-leading teams (PLU and UPS) this weekend. Jamie Wakefield is concluding her outstanding career in record-setting fashion. She is now ranked third on the all-time women's scoring list with 1,243 career points. And senior Kelly Middlesworth was named NWC Player of the Week for her outstanding performances against Lewis & Clark and Linfield on Jan. 19 and 20. She recorded an impressive triple-double against L&C (11 points, 10 rebounds, 10 assists).

The men's basketball team holds its playoff destiny in its hands. The Pirates (10-9 overall, 6-5 NWC) are currently in third place in the conference, and the top three teams advance to the playoffs. The Bucs host important contests against PLU and UPS this weekend. As a team, Whitworth ranks 7th in the nation (Division III) in field goal percentage

(50.3 percent). Freshman Bryan Depew leads the team in scoring, averaging 15 points per game. The Bucs have also been getting great contributions from senior guards Kelson Ramey and Ryan Nelson.

After leading our men's basketball team to national prominence and a second-in-the-nation finish in 1996, Warren Friedrichs is retiring as head coach of the men's basketball program. Warren, who was named NAIA National Coach of the Year for his efforts in '96, has made a huge contribution to Whitworth. He turned our basketball program into one of the best college programs in the West, and the entire Whitworth community has come to love and support Whitworth basketball in a way that seems to lift everyone's spirits. But what impresses me as much as Warren's record is that he's built the program with integrity, perspective and good people. Warren has never forgotten that basketball is a game, and the fact that he pursued and earned his Ph.D. has served as a reminder to his players that student-athletes are students first. All in all, Warren reflects Whitworth's mind-and-heart commitment to excellence. And in that respect, he has led the young men of Whitworth's basketball team, and the rest of us, with Christian integrity.

ALUMNI

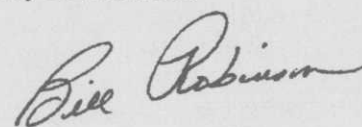
I hope you'll join Religion Professor Jerry Sittser and Director of Alumni and Parent Relations Tad Wisenor, '89, for a reception in Boise on Saturday afternoon, March 10. Jerry will discuss his new book, *The Will of God as a Way of Life*, and Tad will bring news of the campus. More information is on the way.

On March 16, you're invited to a dessert and play introduction by Theatre Professor Rick Hornor, '70. Rick will introduce Whitworth Theatre's spring production, a new version of Carlos Goldoni's comedy, *Servant of Two Masters*. Call 509-777-3799 or 1-800-532-4668, or e-mail atomson@whitworth.edu for more information.

All the details of the Core 650 trip to Munich from July 2 to 12 are available on the web at www.whitworth.edu/alumni/munich2001.htm. Spaces are still available. Contact Tad Wisenor at 509-777-4401 with questions.

Whitworth's 25th, 35th, 45th and 50th reunions are scheduled for June 29 to July 1. Information is available online at www.whitworth.edu/alumni/reunion2001.htm.

The lament I recorded last summer has become the joy of our winter at Whitworth. Terry McGonigal's cancer is gone. We're so thankful to God. After chemotherapy and radiation treatments, the doctors now see no sign of the lymphoma they discovered last June. Terry's buoyancy and hair have roared back. He's even threatening us with ponytail talk. I guess we can never be sure why some are taken and some are spared. But we do know that ours is a God of redemption. And it seems so good that physical redemption has visited one who has been the usher of God's spiritual redemption to so many. Thanks to all of you who prayed for Terry. And thanks to all of you who pray faithfully for Whitworth.



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AN UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON, WHITWORTH COLLEGE

JANUARY 2001

The first two weeks of January have been crazy, so I'm late writing this. Actually, I thought about skipping a month, but decided that "no news is not good news." So it's 6 a.m. Monday, and I'm at our daughter's apartment in Stanwood, Wash. I'll write until she wakes; then I'm hers. She is using her fresh Whitworth degree as a youth director at a Lutheran church here in town. Last night I had the enormous privilege of preaching the installation sermon for Steve Weber, '89, at Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church, just 20 minutes from here. Steve, a member of a great Whitworth family, and his wife, Cindy, '81, will keep strong the Whitworth connection nurtured for 18 years at Mt. Vernon church by Paul, '55, and Barbara Jensen, '57. This is my first visit to see daughter Brenna, '00, and I must say it's the best alumni call I have ever made. Besides thinking about you and Brenna this morning, I hold thoughts and prayers of thanksgiving for a man who peacefully and powerfully battled the evil of racism in America. And I send warm wishes to you from Whitworth College on this Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

ACADEMICS

January is the one month when those of us on campus have a little elbow room. Jan Term classes transport hundreds of students around the globe, and this January finds Whitworth students studying on four continents [America, Africa, Asia, and Europe] and two islands. Here are some of this year's highlights:

Off campus:

- Core 350 in Hawaii. This is not the boondoggle you might think. In fact, I pity the student who mistakes it for such. Lindaman Chair Susan Bratton leads an exploration of the cultural, philosophical and intellectual contexts from which modern Western science emerged. How could one possibly ponder these thoughts anywhere but Hawaii?
- Also on Oahu, Jay Kendall's business students are studying international business, comparing the ways in which ethnic, national, and regional heritage influence business organizations and practices.
- The third course in Hawaii finds students participating in K-12 schools as a way of learning about contributions and traditions of an American minority culture. Gordon Watanabe (Education) is leading this course...again.
- Forrest Baird (Philosophy) is teaching Asian Philosophy in Beijing. I spoke with a couple of students just before they left. They have been studying the major schools of Eastern philosophy and are really jazzed about seeing first-hand the influences of these ancient systems.
- Speaking of jazzed, the jazz ensemble, directed by Dan Keberle (Music), is spending part of Jan Term in Havana, Cuba, attending a master class at the University of Havana and performing at local music clubs. I would so love to get in on that.
- On the other side of the world, Gordon Jackson (Communication Studies) and John Yoder (Politics and History) have taken students to South Africa to study politics, history, and religion in the post-apartheid era. John and Gordon have taught this great course before.
- Students in two courses are spending time in Germany, but for different reasons. Music and arts students are exploring performing and visual arts in Munich and Rome with Doc Evans (Music), while religion students are being led by Jim Edwards in the history and theology of the Reformed tradition in Germany and Switzerland.
- Domestic off-campus courses are also popular. Barbara Loste (Modern Languages) and Ross Cutter (Emeritus Athletics) are leading classes in San Francisco, where for years our students have been involved in arts studies and multicultural school placements. Also, Jim Waller (Psychology) is leading his third Prejudice Across America study tour via Amtrak. One significant addition to this year's trip, according to Jim, is the opportunity to speak with leaders in various cities who are taking positive steps to address prejudice in their communities. If you get a chance, pick up Jim's recently published book, *Prejudice Across America*, describing students' experiences as they studied race relations across the country on the most recent tour. It's excellent.

Here are a few of this year's on-campus Jan Term classes:

- Maasai Culture and Art, taught by Kenyan Fulbright Scholar Nicholas Sironka. This course looks at the origin and history of the Maasai.
- Israeli Politics, taught by David Holt (Politics and History). Dave and his students tackle the history, politics and religion of this strife-torn region of the world.
- Opera Workshop, led by Marjory Halvorson (Music). Although Marge begged me to sing the great operas and operettas in this course, I said "No." I am more than just a world-class tenor, and I fear once I cut loose on Puccini, our students will think of me only as another Pavarotti.
- Women and Christianity, taught by Jeannine Graham (Religion), examines the historical, biblical, and theological foundations for perspectives, past and present, on the roles of women in expressing their faith, exercising their gifts, and exploring their sense of calling.

Jeannine will cover the waterfront, addressing perspectives ranging from conservative to contemporary feminist.

Jan Term students are not the only ones on the move. Alyse Eckenrode, a junior majoring in education and Spanish, learned in November that she's won a highly competitive travel grant. She'll spend spring semester in Montevideo, Uruguay, in an exchange program.

In December, the Inland Northwest Trade Council awarded the Ed Tsutakawa Scholarship to Master of International Management students Ksenya Kuznetsova of Sakhalin Island, Russia, and Sumeet Gulati of New Delhi, India. Both students are pursuing studies aimed at careers in international trade.

We welcome Christie Anderson, Keith Beebe and Gretchen Hoy to the Whitworth community. Christie is the new director of our Organizational Management Program, and Keith and Gretchen are visiting professors in religion and economics and business, respectively.

ENROLLMENT

Last night I chatted with a high school student who wondered when a good time to visit campus might be. On Feb. 18 and 19, we'll host our Campus Close-up weekend for seniors. If you know students who might be interested, have them contact our Admissions Office at 509-777-3212 or 800-533-4668, or e-mail admissions@whitworth.edu. This is a great opportunity to experience both Whitworth and sleep deprivation.

If you find, as you get ready to fill out your federal tax form, that you need information on tax credits available to students and their parents, try this website provided by the federal Department of Education: www.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/Students/taxcuts/index.html. You can obtain further information by calling the Federal Financial Aid Help Line at 800-4-FED-AID.

The Admissions Office reports that our applications are a good bit ahead of last year, and that's always good news.

STUDENT LIFE

Many of our students will be participating today in the MLK March in downtown Spokane, where Whitworth will have an information table. I can't be at the march since I'm on the west side, but I attended last year and it was a warm time of reflecting on the past and committing ourselves to a future of justice for all.

Thinking about these activities in Spokane and around the country, it seems like the perfect time for me to announce this year's commencement speaker. It will be our privilege to hear from Rev. Joe Roberts, senior pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. Rev. Roberts succeeded Martin Luther King, Sr., in this pulpit and has been a giant in working for racial harmony and justice in Atlanta. We and our community are excited about hosting Rev. and Mrs. Roberts, who will be accompanied by former trustee Sam Gulley, '59, and his wonderful wife, Linda.

We will welcome approximately 12 new international students to campus for the start of the spring term. They're coming from Italy, The Netherlands, Democratic Republic of Congo, France, Spain, Korea, Ukraine, Nepal, and Lithuania. What a blessing to have these students in our midst.

I have to report one great story, assuming the student will give me a green (don't forget that color) light. Last night this freshman's parents were telling me how much their son likes Whitworth. Evidently, he likes it so much that he's decided to pretty much stay awake for the whole experience. Recently, fatigue caught up with him and he got the works, a cold, sore throat and fever. But he also started getting green around the gills. His neck looked like infection had aggressively invaded his glands. Everyone's fears were put to rest when the emergency room doctors came

out of his examination, laughing, with their diagnosis. The sweat from his fever had lifted the color from his new green flannel sheets, giving him a Frankenstein-looking neck. You never know.

RESOURCES

Thank you so much for your generosity in December. In spite of a plummeting NASDAQ and a slowing economy, we had a very strong month of giving. And because of an expense I'll mention below, we really needed your support. When we combine The Whitworth Fund with restricted gifts, the total for December exceeded \$1.5 million. Symbolic of what many of you must have done was a note from Jack and Joyce Starrett, both '45, saying that this Christmas they decided to make gifts to Whitworth rather than to each other. God bless them and all of you.

I have another thank-you to extend. We're thrilled to note that 14 new endowed scholarships will be available this year for our students who so deeply need them. Each of these scholarships represents an endowment of a minimum of \$25,000. Thanks to all of you who have funded these awards and good luck to the students who will vie for these wonderful financial aid funds. (If you would like information on establishing a scholarship endowment, call the Institutional Advancement Office at 800-532-4668 or visit www.whitworthfuture.com on the web).

The reason I said we needed a great December is that the college is experiencing a serious budget challenge as a result of the volatile energy market. Projections for this year are that our natural gas and electric expenses will increase by more than \$250,000 over last year. This comes despite some pretty drastic measures we've taken to reduce our usage. In fact, we cut our usage by almost 20 percent over last December, even though it was colder this year. I suspect if folks weren't so cold they would strangle me for pounding down the thermostats. Actually, the spirit of conservation has been great, with students and employees alike making excellent energy-saving suggestions. But pray for warmer days ahead!

This month's "nice move" award goes to the Whitworth trustees serving on our endowment committee. They had the wisdom to direct a significant allocation of assets to alternative investments in early 2000, thus sheltering some of our long-term investments from the recent volatility in the equity markets. Thanks to all our dedicated trustees, whose wisdom we rely upon regularly.

ATHLETICS

In December I mentioned that I would report our fall sports honors. I didn't know what a big job it would be. Here they are:

Women's Cross-Country: First Team: Holly Weiler. Second Team: Julia Lucas, Annie Scott. **Football:** Sky Blake, All-America First Team, Northwest Conference First Team and NWC Defensive Player of the Year. Joining Sky on the NWC First Team: Ty McGregor, WR; Takashi Atkins, OL; Casey Lawrence, LB; Ian Sanders, DB. Second Team: Bob Adsero, OL; Shane Lyman, DL; Doug Edmonson, LB; Joel Robnett, DB. Honorable Mention: Scott Biglin, QB; Billy Condon, RB; Dwayne Tawney, WR; Scott Galbreath, DL; Jeremy Myers, DL. Sky Blake, Scott Galbreath, Ty McGregor and Scott Sulpizio were also named to the Verizon Academic All-District team. **Men's Soccer:** NWC First Team: Mark Lupton, Def.; Brian Hein, MF. Honorable Mention: Herbert Barbosa, For.; Matt Stueckle, Def.; Jahn Kallis, Def. **Women's Soccer:** NWC Second Team:

Grace Grabner, MF; Heather Sale, For. **Volleyball:** NWC First Team: Kristen Turner, MB. Second Team: Lindsey Wagstaff, MB. Honorable Mention: Gretchen Smith, OH; Nicole Weedman, S. Also, both the men's and women's cross-country teams were GPA champions in the NWC.

It's a bit hard for me to report on our winter sports. My schedule has been so bad that I've seen only one each of the men's and women's basketball games and only one swim meet. This pains me. I got used to *watching* basketball when I "played" for the University of Northern Iowa.

Our swim teams are doing great. On Saturday I watched them sink the always-tough PLU squad in a dual meet. We're getting great performances from sophomore Ryan Freeman and juniors Brent Rice and Troy Schuknecht on the men's side and senior Erin Kay and sophomore Katie King on the women's team. At this point in the season both the women's and the men's teams are off to a great start at 3-0.

Our men's basketball team's fairly even record (3-2 in NWC, 7-6 overall) couldn't be more deceptive in that they've been anything but even. They are great guys and very talented, but so far, Coach Friedrichs has found that consistency is not among their list of athletic virtues. The good news is that we're above .500 in the conference and have two home games this weekend. Seniors Kelson Ramey and Ryan Nelson provide leadership and offense, while freshman Brian Depew, sophomore Chase Williams and junior transfer Gunner Olsen bring great energy and skill to the squad.

Women's hoops had a tough weekend in Tacoma, losing to UPS and PLU, but they're ready to return to winning this weekend in the Fieldhouse. Just as she has throughout her Whitworth career, senior Jamie Wakefield has been a force for the Bucs this season. Jamie currently stands 8th in scoring and 10th in rebounding on Whitworth's all-time lists.

ALUMNI

Check out the alumni website (www.whitworth.edu) or call the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations (509-777-3799 or 800-532-4668) for more information on the four new alumni awards being presented at Homecoming 2001. Nominations will be accepted through Jan. 31.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Whitworth Institute of Ministry, one of the most important resources we provide for our denomination, serves pastors, music/worship directors and families through worship, theological reflection, Bible study, prayer and small-group interaction. This year's institute will focus on the theme of *Making Disciples in the 21st Century*, and will include keynote speakers Bob Mitchell, Jim Edwards and Karen Peterson Finch. Call 509-777-3275 for more information.

Well, this is far and away the fastest I've ever written this newsletter. It probably shows. Actually, Brenna still isn't awake. So chatting with you for the last three hours has cost me no time with her, but I don't want to press my luck. She could be playing possum, knowing my disposition will be much better if I'm done writing. Thank you for everything. I pray that God will bless you with peace and a strong sense of Christ's presence in the new year.

Bill Robinson

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AN UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON, WHITWORTH COLLEGE

MARCH 2001

I felt it. Immediately, I made two calls to see if I was the only one who noticed the planet shaking. Neither person I called felt anything, which is to say that the big earthquake that hit the Seattle-Tacoma area just wiggled things a little here. We're thankful, yet sorry for those who weren't so fortunate. On absolutely no theological grounds, I have decided to interpret the Ash Wednesday tremor as God's elbow in my ribs. On the first Sunday of Lent, I thought about what our liturgical calendar reminds us to consider – Christ preparing himself in the wilderness. Regrettably, I thought about it while being *delayed in the San Francisco airport* (a redundant phrase). Maybe because I was mad at myself for not being in church, I found a certain profanity in the three people near me who were making business phone calls. Then I remembered the elbow and realized how often I seem to wander into these spiritual wildernesses where all the messages violate Christ's declaration that we don't live "by bread alone." Two days ago I had lunch with a student. He prayed that this Lenten season would be one of purification for both of us. Great prayer. So many cultural toxins contaminate our lives and distort our recognition of what's really important. All of us, whether Christian or not, would benefit from Lenten cleansing. Please keep our students and us in your prayers as we deal with these matters.

ACADEMICS

I've been thinking that many of you may be wondering about some of our retired faculty facing health challenges. Bill Johnson (Psychology), whose name springs to mind because I'm in Hawaii and he advised the Hawaiian Club for many years, has Parkinson's disease and is having a rough time. You might want to contact him at WJoh759783@aol.com. Bob Bocksch (Chemistry) is also battling Parkinson's and is also struggling. He's closing in on his 70th birthday and I'm sure he'd love to hear from some former students at rbocksch@sprynet.com. Pauline Haas (Art) recently injured her wrist, but she's mending nicely and is back at her easel. I'll try to insert some of this kind of information from time to time, since I know you care.

Our jazz ensemble finished second and the jazz choir took third in their divisions at February's Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival, in Idaho. Both groups are great. I didn't get to hear our musicians perform, but Bonnie and I did get to the festival on Saturday night to hear Hampton himself and his band. The band swung hard, and though Hampton, in his 90s, may be a moment or so past his prime, his soft smile as he tapped the vibes said to us all, "This is what I'm meant to do; you're welcome to listen in."

The next night, we heard Michael Young (Music) present personal compositions from six decades. It was a grand celebration of his superb teaching and composing at Whitworth. Mike, who joined the faculty in 1976, retires this spring. In vintage fashion he noted that "some 42 years, 94 musical works and 384 mountain summits mark the time between my first and my most recent composition." There will never be another Michael Young, and that's a shame.

Another wonderful presentation on campus came from the full heart and rich voice of Martin Goldsmith. Known for his *Performance Today* program on National Public Radio, Goldsmith talked about his recent book, *The Inextinguishable Symphony*. The book, from which he read excerpts, tells how his Jewish parents met and fell in love in Nazi Germany, and played in an all-Jewish orchestra before fleeing to the United States. Clearly, it was the human spirit that could not be extinguished.

The first speaker in this year's Great Decisions series was Michael LeRoy, '89. It was great to have him back on campus. Michael, who now chairs the Department of Political Science at Illinois' Wheaton College, presented his research on political and economic developments in Europe. He was followed the next week by Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Gordon Jackson and Emeritus Biology Professor Dave Hicks, who described the grim AIDS situation in South Africa. They, along with John Yoder (Politics and History), were in that country with 23 students during Jan Term. This is an excellent series, and it's open to the public.

Our art faculty's creative talents will be on display at the Whitworth Faculty Exhibit 2001, in the Koehler Gallery on campus. The exhibit runs from March 21 through April 19. I'm sure it will be a superb show, displaying works from artists like Gordon Wilson, who just won second-place and honorable-mention awards at Arteasel.com's International Internet Art Exhibitions for spring 2000 and had his artwork included in the permanent collection of Spokane's Northwest Museum of Art and Culture.

We are delighted to report that the M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust has awarded us a grant of \$1,013,800 to help us understand better how to teach our students to let their values drive their behavior, both during and after Whitworth. Too often I have discovered various pressures impersonating the voice of my most basic values telling me how to act. Whenever I ask, "What was I thinking when I did that?" I can be pretty sure it was not a value-driven act. This grant, running for five years, will allow us to work closely with a group of freshmen on making the value-

behavior connection and to track their progress. Julia Stronks (Politics and History) will oversee this grant.

ENROLLMENT

We continue to be way ahead of last year's application count as we hit March 1 with roughly 1,500. The quality of students is also superb.

Sneak Preview, our Admissions program for high school juniors, is coming up May 6 and 7. This is a great opportunity for prospective students to experience classes, residence-hall ambience, and sleep deprivation.

The Financial Aid Office has begun making awards to incoming students and will continue to do so throughout the spring. Current students with need-based aid should submit their FAFSA forms by May 1. Their awards will be sent out during May and June.

STUDENT LIFE

Members of the Whitworth community are involved in many social-justice issues. Because our region has sometimes been associated with acts of racism, students and staff alike seek and capitalize upon opportunities to promote ethnic diversity. For example, Esther Louie and Stephy Beans (Student Life) and Elsa Distelhorst (Advancement) have been active in the Spokane Task Force on Race Relations and are currently representing Whitworth on a variety of social-action committees.

Our smart students did themselves – and us – proud at this year's College Bowl, at WSU. The team of Tim Woods (captain), Dave Zemke, Mike VanEngelen, and Ryan Voytovich took 4th place out of nine teams and finished ahead of the teams from WSU, Albertson, Idaho State, Boise State, and Portland Community. Tim Woods also finished third overall out of 40+ participants, so the Buc Brains made quite a showing. In related news, an unnamed Arend Hall student is alleged to be organizing a "Cereal Bowl" team for students wishing to be more "well-rounded."

RESOURCES

This has been a very challenging budget year. Due to cold weather and high prices, our energy costs are rising at the same time as contributions to the Whitworth Fund have taken a little dip. Not a good combination. I think we'll be okay, but we should have a better picture in May, the 11th month of our fiscal year. I'll let you know then how we're doing. I hope you know from the way I've communicated with you that I detest dishonesty in fundraising. To be sure, we very much need your support — but not at the cost of exaggerating the truth. I have never written about a financial crisis in this newsletter because we haven't had one to report, and there is no reason to think that this year will be an exception. If I'm wrong, you can count on me to do plenty of moaning and groaning. Bonnie and our children say I have a hair-trigger whining mechanism. I'm so misunderstood.

The great ladies of the Whitworth College Auxiliary have asked me to urge you to give the gift of warmth. The auxiliary members are selling lovely cotton throws, designed by Art Professor Emeritus Pauline Haas, that depict many of Whitworth's dorms and landmarks. Proceeds from the sales go to help furnish residence lounges on campus. To order your afghan, contact the Alumni Office at 509-777-3799/800-532-4668, or e-mail atomson@whitworth.edu. The cost is \$50, with an additional \$5 charge if shipping is required.

I'm pleased to report that we've received \$325,000 from the Stewardship Foundation – \$225,000 for a three-year renewal of the Weyerhaeuser Center for Christian Faith and Learning and \$100,00 for The Whitworth Fund. The Weyerhaeusers and the Stewardship Foundation have been so faithful and generous to Whitworth. We would have a weaker mission without Dave Weyerhaeuser's wisdom and a weaker school without the financial support he provided.

ATHLETICS

Men's Basketball Head Coach Warren Friedrichs' final season came to a close with an 82-60 playoff loss at Lewis & Clark. The following weekend, L&C's Pioneers defeated Linfield for the conference title, and they're now in the regional NCAA Div. III tournament – so we lost to a pretty good team. Senior Ryan Nelson scored 17 points to lead the Bucs; we're really going to miss Ryan and fellow seniors Kelson Ramey and Dave Rusk.

In postseason hoops news, freshman Bryan Depew was named First-Team All-Northwest Conference, based on voting by NWC coaches. Bryan led the Pirates in scoring this season, averaging 15.1 points per game while making 55.1 percent of his shots. He also added 5.4 rebounds per game. Senior guard Kelson Ramey was named to the second team after scoring 11.8 points per game and making 41 percent of his three-point attempts. And junior forward Gunner Olsen, who averaged 10.9 ppg and 6.3 rpg, received honorable mention. Also, sophomore Chase Williams was named to the Verizon Academic All-District VIII Team. Chase, who started all 25 games at point guard for the Pirates this season, has a 3.93 GPA in sports medicine and would have put up big numbers had he not trashed his ankle early in the season.

In women's hoops honors, senior forward Jamie Wakefield earned a pair of post-season awards. Jamie, whose great play throughout her Whitworth career brought excitement to every game, was named First-Team All-Northwest Conference for the third consecutive year. She was also named to the Verizon Academic All-District VIII Team (again for the third year in a row). Jamie retires after making the all-time lists at Whitworth in career scoring (3rd place, 1,331 points), rebounding (6th place, 696) and assists (8th place, 227). With a GPA of 3.96 in biology/education, Jamie will graduate in May with dazzling numbers. But the best of Jamie Wakefield will never be captured by a number. She is a confident, caring woman of faith who achieved as much personally as she did in the classroom and the Fieldhouse during her Whitworth years.

The baseball Bucs stand at 3-7 after opening the season against top-notch competition at a pair of tournaments. The Pirates have been competitive in each of their games, and with a couple of breaks they could easily be over .500 right now – amazing considering they haven't practiced on their field in this unusually inclement year. The team is showing some new and improved offense and is getting solid pitching from Matt Squires and George Pettigrew.

Track and field officially opened its outdoor season at the Linfield Icebreaker last Saturday. More than 20 Pirates qualified for the conference championships at this unscored first meet. Whitworth had 55 competitors in the meet, and more than 25 others are waiting in the wings, giving the team its greatest depth ever.

Women's tennis won three matches last weekend, to improve to 3-2 overall and 3-1 in the NWC. Addi Norman is undefeated in singles play so far this season, and senior Amy Austin has not lost to an NWC opponent.

The men's tennis team bounced back after a rough start, also winning three matches this past weekend to improve to 3-4. Unfortunately, the individual results from this past weekend aren't available right now.

Softball season opens this next weekend at Lewis & Clark. So let's just say we're undefeated at this point.

ALUMNI

As announced in the latest issue of *Whitworth Today*, there are now four annual alumni awards to be presented at Homecoming. We would love to have you call or e-mail us at 509-777-4401, 1-800-532-4668 or twisenor@whitworth.edu for information.

Come to Spokane on Bloomsday weekend! Alumni visiting town for the race are invited to come to campus on Sat., May 5. If you haven't been on campus recently, you'll be astounded at the changes. Student-led tours will depart from the Admissions Office (MacKay Hall on Hawthorne Road) at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Then, after you stuff yourselves with carbohydrates, come back to campus for a joint concert featuring the wind ensemble and the choir. The concert will feature the debut of a new Michael Young piece commissioned by the college.

If you graduated with the Class of 1941, we hope you can join us for a Commencement-Weekend reunion, May 19 and 20. The celebration will be attended by many Northwest-area members of the 50+ reunion club. Contact the Alumni Office at the numbers/address above for more information.

MISCELLANEOUS

A couple of weeks ago, several of us went to Victoria, B.C., for the District VIII conference of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. And it's nice to report that we brought home a bit of award hardware. The prospective students portion of Whitworth's website won a gold medal in the group's annual communication competition. Kudos to Garrett Riddle and Chris Nickerson of our web team. Check out their work at www.whitworth.edu. It's really well done and fun. Also, I gave Communications Director Greg Orwig the Hyperbole Award for the imaginative nomination he wrote that resulted in my receiving CASE's Leadership Award for college/university presidents. Actually, it was quite nice for Bonnie and me, and it speaks highly of the Whitworth Institutional Advancement Office that assigns and supports what I do in these kinds of activities.

Well, I made it to Hawaii after begging my way onto a six-hour delayed flight, which departed three hours after my scheduled flight, which for all I know still hasn't left. I'm only here for two days, but warm tropical breezes carrying the aloha spirit soothe the travel sting. Our Hawaiian students and alumni are great. When I spend time with them here, I am renewed in my gratitude for the warmth I often hear prospective students mention when they visit Whitworth. May this spring bring warm breezes into each of your lives. Thanks for all you do for Whitworth. We couldn't get along without you.

Bill Robinson

of Mind & heart

AN UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON, WHITWORTH COLLEGE

MAY/JUNE 2001

I'm stunned. Another academic year has come to an end. Commencement Weekend is always extraordinarily intense. Literally hundreds of goodbyes need to be said. Emotions of happiness and fulfillment suddenly yield to sadness and emptiness. The context of this non-stop activity and emotion seems to be a universal fatigue. Then, abruptly, it's over. I will miss the Class of 2001 very much. Individually and collectively they are wonderful human beings. Many received well-deserved awards for their extraordinary intellectual, social and spiritual achievements, and for some, the simple act of completing their degree requirements was astonishing. I was particularly proud of one student who arrived at Whitworth five years ago. I remember thinking that this kid had little chance to graduate. Other than a certain look in his eye, I didn't find any of the usual predictors of success. He did, however, have two things in his favor: a very stubborn dream, backed up by a loving and fierce mother. (I know more about the fierce part than I wish I did.) So when he smiled his way across the stage on Sunday, I knew there were two people whom I absolutely had to see following the ceremony. I did find them, and now, would the mother who is as proud reading this as I am writing it please send the picture you took? I will hang it with pride, and every time I look at it, I will remember the remarkable against-all-odds Whitworth graduates that you and your fine son represent.

ACADEMICS

I got a pretty good view of the entire Commencement Weekend experience. Between Friday night and Sunday night, I attended 14 events and had responsibilities that ranged from giving the Graduate Commencement address to arm-wrestling Saga Chad. Here are a few weekend highlights:

- A moving commissioning service in which our seniors participated in a liturgy that included scripture, prayers, warm conversations between four student/professor pairs, communion and anointing with oil.
- Graduate Commencement. This is a time of great celebration and accomplishment for folks who have successfully returned to school to earn their masters' degrees.
- Seniors Matt Fechter and John Cullings singing the song they wrote as BJ freshmen that trashed Mac Hall – where, of course, they ended up living. This was a part of the Senior Reflections program that was excellent, unlike the skit in which I embarrassed our family name and perhaps all of humankind by participating in the aforementioned arm-wrestling with Saga Chad and re-creating Mr. Rogers' neighborhood.
- The Rev. Joe Roberts telling local African-American pastors the story of how his succession of Martin Luther King, Sr., at Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church handed him a great opportunity to lead social and spiritual reform, and how his battles have been some of the same ones they've encountered here in Spokane.
- A rich Baccalaureate service in which Assistant Dean of Students Dayna Coleman and Associate Dean of Students Dick Mandeville spoke powerfully about the ways in which stories and questions can bring us into deeper relationships with each other and with God.
- A wonderful Undergraduate Commencement ceremony at the Spokane Arena, where students celebrated their achievements and were reminded by Rev. Roberts that we are all "tied together and accountable."

At today's Dean's Brunch, we said good-bye to three retiring faculty members. John Falvey (Master in International Management program) came in 1995, Jay Kendall (Economics and Business) began teaching at Whitworth in 1984, and Michael Young (Music) has been with us since 1976. By the way, my chills from an angry flu bug were replaced with chills of inspiration when I heard Michael's magnificent *Visions from the Apocalypse* performed by Whitworth's choir and wind ensemble. I will never read the fourth chapter of Revelation again without thinking about Michael. In other ways, Jay Kendall has also greatly inspired us. So we thank him and John Falvey for great service to Whitworth.

We've added two of the world's most renowned pastors to our alumni ranks. In the past week we conferred honorary doctorates upon the Rev. Sam Whan Kim, pastor of the 54,000-member Myung Sung Presbyterian Church of Seoul, Korea; and then, at Sunday's Commencement, we similarly honored the Rev. Joe Roberts, pastor of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. Both of these men brought our community great challenges and hope. Special thanks to Dr. Sam Gulley, '59, and his great wife, Linda, and to Dr. Sang Li for their roles in bringing these ecclesiastical leaders to our campus.

Our English Department recently hosted two fascinating events. Actors from the London Stage, a troupe of five British Shakespearean actors, ran workshops, did dramatic readings, and performed Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale* for enthusiastic audiences from eastern Washington and northern Idaho. Then, the Endowed English Readings Program brought internationally known poet and activist Adrienne Rich, who has been one of America's finest poets for the past 50 years, to campus. Rich held a question-and-answer session and read her poetry to a rapt audience of about 400 students, faculty, staff and community members.

Our business/economics, English and journalism students have been bringing home the hardware. In business, the Whitworth chapter of Phi Beta Lambda competed at the Washington State Competitive Events Conference and came away with 24 of the 72 awards given for outstanding performance. The next stop for Phi Beta Lambda's first- and second-place winners (Chantel Lindquist, Kristy Colgan, Harry Donkor, Amy Olson, Henry Yan, Rebekah Nelson and Brad Norleen) is Orlando, Fla., for the national competition. English students Katelyn Broweleit, Tim Moore, Stacy Nelson, Rose Sliger, and Necia Valenchenko presented with great success their creative and critical work at the National Undergraduate Literary Conference at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah. Finally, journalism students Kelly Schanzenbach, Kelly Siebe and Meagan Stirling were first-place winners in the Greater Northwest Student Journalism Awards.

After spending this past week recognizing the accomplishments of our students, I thought you might be interested in faculty recognitions. I'll send you an impressive sample of faculty awards in the July Mind and Heart.

ENROLLMENT

In a perfect world of numbers, this summer would bring us 35 cancellations of deposited freshmen and 35 additional transfer students. I suppose it's greedy in a year that smashed our applications record to want an ideal distribution of students, but it doesn't hurt to hope. Actually, I'm already excited about greeting next year's freshmen – no matter how many.

The Financial Aid Office has been busy sending out awards for the 2001-02 academic year and hopes to have all awards out to those who applied on time (May 1) by the first week of June. Endowed scholarship decisions will be made by then as well. If you have any questions about financial aid, please call the Financial Aid Office, (800) 533-4668.

STUDENT LIFE

April was packed, ending with 30 students and staff facilitating small groups as a part of Spokane's Congress on Race Relations. The weekend also included Springfest, which raised more than \$2,700 for Parkinson's research in honor of beloved Math Professor Howard Gage, who died in December. Thanks to the trustees who bought \$170 worth of candy bars to sponsor me in the 5K race, and thanks to the fine students who paid to throw pies in my face. The day ended with the Senior Boat Cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene and the Spring Formal in downtown Spokane.

I got quite a bit of feedback from you on last month's references to racial profiling and Internet pornography. We've had several good meetings with police officials about profiling. Clearly, they find the practice deplorable and want it to stop; but they know that their history hasn't always been proud. One of our black alums of the '50s sent me a note telling of how he arrived for his freshman year and spent his first night in Spokane behind bars. He'd been stopped for going five miles an hour over the speed limit and didn't have enough money to post bond. Unbelievable. For those of you interested in the Internet filter decision, we've posted the letter I sent to the Whitworth community on our website. Go to the president's home page link at <http://www.whitworth.edu/> and you'll find a link to the letter.

RESOURCES

Boppell Hall is rising at a startling pace. It was exciting for all involved when Whitworth Board Chair Chuck Boppell and wife Karlyn turned shovels of dirt to kick off construction in April. Now, one month later, we have a three-story structure rising on the northeast corner of campus.

Special thanks goes to Spokane County Commissioner Phil Harris for assisting us with a zoning issue so that this project could proceed without delay. We anticipate completion by mid-October and have a full contingent of 81 excited students who will be the first to enjoy life in Boppell Hall.

It looks like a \$250,000 June is needed to reach our annual budget in The Whitworth Fund. Our fiscal year ends on June 30, so we want our supporters to do next week the same thing our students did last week for finals – cram. Cramming is a beautiful thing when it comes to stuff like this. We still have too many outstanding pledges from Phonathon, and almost 100 of the 1999-2000 President's Club members haven't yet rejoined this social register of elite people who meet the club's select membership standards (\$1,000 and a stamped envelope). **HUGE THANKS** to all of you who have already given generously.

ATHLETICS

Whitworth's track and field teams pulled off an historic sweep in April, earning both the men's and women's Northwest Conference Track and Field championships. The titles are the first ever for the Whitworth women and the first for the men since 1972. Now, many of them are off to nationals, so I'll do the track season summary in July, when I have those results.

The baseball Bucs finished their best season in recent memory with a 15-7 record in the NWC (20-20 overall). After tying for last in the NWC standings last season, the Pirates jumped this year to second place, their highest finish since winning the title in 1991. Whitworth's outstanding baseball season earned some outside recognition as three players – junior catcher Brian Savery, freshman outfielder Josh Taylor, and senior pitcher/DH/outfielder Matt Squires – were named to the 2001 All-NWC team. Sophomore second baseman Jake Krummel and senior pitcher Matt Neill received honorable mention.

Softball finished up the season at 3-18 in the NWC, 7-28 overall. The Bucs lose only one senior, outfielder Ginger Ewing, to graduation, so the team is ready to regroup and move up in the NWC next year.

The women's tennis team finished fifth at the NWC tournament, going 2-1 to end the season with a 10-8 record. Their record and conference finish are the team's best since they won the conference title in 1997. Like the softball team, women's tennis loses only one senior, Amy Austin, so the future looks bright. Sophomore Jill Huijbregtse was named to the All-NWC team after going 3-0 at #1 singles during the tournament.

Men's tennis finished the season by placing 6th at the NWC tournament. The Pirates finished their season 7-12. Senior Matt Lemberg concluded his career by winning all three of his singles matches and being chosen by the coaches as Co-Sportsman of the Year in the NWC.

I'm happy to report that former Whitworth soccer standout Jennifer Tissue has made the Boston Breakers soccer team of the Women's United Soccer Association (WUSA), the highest level of women's professional soccer in the world. Not only does the league include the top players from the United States, but it also has many of the best players

from the rest of the world. Jennifer went through arduous tryouts before being drafted by the Breakers, who currently stand at 2-1-2, third place in the league.

ALUMNI

Don't forget this summer's reunions! Registration forms were mailed last month, so if you don't have one yet for next month's reunion (June 29 to July 1), please contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations immediately (800-532-4668). This is the 50th reunion for 1951, the 45th for 1955-57, the 35th for 1965-67 and the 25th for 1975-77.

Spokane-area Whitworthians will have two opportunities to see our local pro sports teams in action this summer: Look for info in your mailbox about outings to see the Spokane Shadow (soccer) on July 14 and the Spokane Indians (baseball) on August 16.

MISCELLANEOUS

We learned earlier this week that Jim O'Brien, general manager of Sodexho-Marriott Food Services (a/k/a "Saga"), and his staff are on the honorable mention list for Sodexho's "Heroes of Everyday Life" award. The award, given annually, recognizes Sodexho employees who have invested their time, talent and spirit to help some of the 35 million North Americans who go hungry every day. According to Jim, he and his staff were recognized in part because of their support for En Christo, a Whitworth student organization that provides meals and personal support for residents of low-income housing in Spokane. We applaud Jim and his staff for great service to Whitworth and for their great heart for those in need.

At our Graduate Commencement, I gave a speech titled *Back into the Cave*. I used Plato's allegory of the cave to help the graduates think about how to re-enter the former places and spaces in their lives that now seem rather dark. For the most part, I used Plato's definition of "the cave" as a place of past "unwisdom" (Plato's term). But on the Monday morning after graduation, it became clear that our old caves are not only intellectual, but social and spiritual as well. Our son told me about a phone conversation with an unnamed student who had just arrived home after his first year of college only to discover darkness and discomfort when he was with his old friends. Emotionally, he was having a very hard time finding his way around the cave. I'm sure this is a huge problem for many Whitworth students, particularly sophomores. And for some students who go to college and become quite full of themselves, even home can feel like a cave. To students and parents alike, I commend grace to you. Students, be strong and compassionate with your old friends. Resist being judgmental, but don't let your eyes get used to the darkness. Parents, when your students walk through the door and start rearranging the social and intellectual furniture in your cave, try to smile as you remind them whose cave it is. Be sympathetic to the difficulty of forfeiting any measure of the independence they have been enjoying as college students. Well, enough advice. Maybe I'll post the "cave" speech on the president's page at our website. Thank you for your part in a great year. I'll write you again in late July. May Christ's blessings abound for you this summer.

Bill Robinson



Mind & heart



AN UPDATE FROM WHITWORTH COLLEGE PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON

NOVEMBER 2001

A couple of weeks ago, about 80 of our students moved into Boppell Hall, our newest campus residence hall. They absolutely love it. Last night I was in Los Angeles and stayed in "Boppell House," complete with Boppells. It's even better than Boppell Hall. When I lumbered downstairs this morning, I ran across a copy of last month's *Mind and Heart*, so I reread it. Besides finding it interminable in length (sorry!), I found it distant in substance. The world that seemed new then seems almost normal now. Last night we went through metal detectors to get into a basketball game. This afternoon my daughter and I had to take off our shoes, belts and hats to enter a secured area of a Los Angeles airport. Neither of these screens seemed particularly odd. Quite automatically, we accepted the new security measures. I think the human capacity to adapt moderates the trauma of life-changing events. At a remarkable speed, the environment changes, our behavior adapts, and our psyche knits things back together. But our adaptability is a two-edged sword. I think as individuals we have made some unhealthy adaptations, letting culture redefine what we call "normal." Certainly, I am thankful that Americans seem to be adapting well to a huge change in our national security. But in some areas I fear we have adapted unthinkingly. I hope we at Whitworth are not indiscriminate "adapters." We want our students to be adaptable, but I trust we have shown them the value of looking deep within their souls before signing on the dotted line of whatever culture presents to them. Thanks for your part in helping our students become critical thinkers.

ACADEMICS

As I'm sure you would expect, we continue to probe the implications of the Sept. 11 attacks. I have heard several reports that the younger generations were so stunned by the catastrophe that the trauma they felt was delayed. So we want to keep providing opportunities for our students to come to terms with these awful events. Our faculty has adjusted classes and syllabi to use these grim but teachable moments for our students' benefit. Many faculty have also served as resources for local and national media, including Jeannine Graham (Religion), Raja Tanas (Sociology), Rob Wilson (Business) and John Yoder (Politics and History). This month we have scheduled another faculty panel at which Raja, John and Carol Smucker (Modern Languages) will talk about the ways in which Americans and U.S. foreign policy are perceived outside our borders.

One of the most provocative stimuli for these discussions was our Theatre Department's presentation of Steven Dietz's *God's Country*. We considered canceling this play that delves into the heart of the white supremacy movement and its adherents' distorted view of the Christian faith. Did we really want to look at more violence committed in the name of religion? But in thinking about this question with the play's director, Diana Trotter (Theatre), we agreed that this sober portrayal of hatred was a reality we had to face at this time in our history. The play, based largely on the trial proceedings that led to the conviction of some of the leaders in the white supremacy movement, was not one that any of us "enjoyed." But we saw first-hand that hate-based violence can flourish within the borders of our country and our faith.

November may be a little dark, but we have incredibly bright speakers here this month. I mentioned in October's *Mind and Heart* that David Rawson, former U.S. ambassador to Rwanda, will be at Whitworth Nov. 13. This Friday, Shakespearean scholar and author Steven Marx, a respected authority on links between the Bard and the Bible, will be Whitworth's 2001-2002 Ada Redmond Reader. Hosted by the English Department, Marx will discuss Shakespeare's *The Tempest* and its connection to the chapters of Genesis and Revelation in the Bible. Then, as part of our Freshman Seminar series, we'll hear from a rising star in the Washington State Legislature, Rep. Jeff Gombosky, who will speak from the perspective of a Christian serving in politics.

Because of this fall's board meeting, I was able to catch only a part of our Faculty Development Day late last month. The topic was how a predominantly white campus and community like ours can embrace the diversity found in our world and upheld by our mission. The faculty heard an excellent presentation from Jim Waller (Psychology), who has earned a national reputation for his research and writing on racism. The other highlight of the day was a panel of Whitworth friends, including our local rabbi, a representative of the Islamic community, an African-American sociologist from Gonzaga, a member of the Spokane Tribe, and a former Spokane TV anchor, a Japanese-American, now involved in diversity issues in the community. I hold the abiding belief that if Whitworth is to be truly Christ-like it should be a more affirming environment for people of different faiths and cultural backgrounds.

The first time I heard Susan Mabry (Computer Science) refer to "softbots," I said to myself, "I hear ya, Susan. I got one of those." But when it was announced that Susan was receiving a \$188,000 National Science Foundation grant to support her research, I suspected she was examining something other than what we sit on. "Softbots," Susan explains, "form the brains of so-called 'smart' computers. Just as humans and other organisms learn to adapt to survive in the world, computers can

be programmed to monitor information in their environment and to recommend courses of action and evaluate the results of those actions to inform future recommendations." In the medical arena, for example, embedded intelligent computer systems can monitor an individual patient's vital signs and health profile to make independent diagnostic and treatment decisions. So now my "softbot" can tell my doctor, "I'm getting bombarded with donuts in here," and I'll be a healthier guy. Cool. Congratulations to Susan, as well as to Kent Jones (Computer Science), who just received a Xilinx Corporation University Program grant for hardware and software totaling approximately \$4,500. We have an absolutely incredible computer science program at Whitworth.

FINANCIAL AID

Good news! Parents who will be filing the FAFSA form for financial aid for 2002-2003 can apply *now* (at www.pin.ed.gov) for an electronic PIN that will allow you to sign the FAFSA form electronically. FAFSA renewal information will be sent from the federal processor in December.

STUDENT LIFE

Last Wednesday I saw a huge bus pull away from campus as ASWC ended October with a road trip to Walla Walla to support our championship volleyball team. Since it was Halloween, all the fans dressed as pirates and swashbuckled through Walla Walla before a great barbecue at the home of student Sarah Lamb. November begins with a coffeehouse featuring the Christian rock group The Carolines, along with several Whitworth student talent acts. And next weekend our award-winning Whitworth Jazz Ensemble will present its fall concert featuring guest trombonist Steve Turre, one of our country's jazz greats.

This year's International Education Week, Nov. 12-16, will be one during which we'll be especially grateful for our students from around the world. The week's events will include international meals, educational presentations and entertainment. The annual International Banquet will be on Friday evening, and Kanikapila, a Hawaiian celebration, will conclude this cultural festival.

Parents, have you ever found yourselves thinking it might be nice if your children found gainful employment at some point in their lives? Well, just in case your student hasn't mentioned this, I want you to know that we have seriously upgraded our career services. For example, if you go to the website of any academic department, in addition to the majors/minors/tracks, course listings, degree requirements, faculty pages and contact information, you can find a career-opportunities section. Check it out.

RESOURCES

Right in the middle of our board of trustees' committee discussion on finding funds for the new Weyerhaeuser Hall, we received word of a very generous gift of \$100,000 from PACCAR for the new building. PACCAR is a leader, not only in building great trucks, but also in supporting Whitworth (and other colleges in the state of Washington) with generous general-fund donations through the Independent Colleges of Washington as well as with major support for renovations to both our library and our science building. In this season of thanksgiving, we extend deep appreciation to PACCAR.

When US Bank execs Craig Korthase, Bob Wigren and Larry Kissler take you out to lunch, they don't mess around. Recently, they bought us lunch, then generously presented us with a check for \$65,000 from US

Bank for Weyerhaeuser Hall. It was a warm moment because all three of these guys believe in what we're doing in a way that goes deeper than simple corporate philanthropy. We're thankful to US Bank and to Vice President and Community Relations Manager Mary Moore, who worked so well with us to make this happen.

I can't say that I love deskwork, but there is one duty in this sedentary part of my life that I do enjoy. Each month I look at the "contributions list" made up of many of you. It is gratifying to see your faithfulness. Thank you so much. At last night's scholarship dinner I was reminded of all the students who couldn't be at Whitworth without you. Next month, we are likely to hit our \$50-million campaign goal. We'll probably make a lot of noise when that happens. But amidst the celebration I want you to know that we never take for granted any gift, big or small, that serves to make Whitworth a possibility for our students. These gifts are every bit as important as the ones I've mentioned above.

ATHLETICS

The Whitworth men's soccer team has earned its first Northwest Conference title since 1993. The Pirates are 13-4-1 overall and 10-3-1 in the NWC after Saturday's win over Whitman. Whitworth set a school record for shutouts in a season with 12. The Bucs host Colorado College Wednesday in a first-round NCAA playoff game. The Pirates were able to win this season with one of the best defenses in the country. Netminders Doug Lupton and Ben Oakley have been solid in goal, while Matt Stueckle has anchored a defensive backfield that has limited the opposition's shot attempts. If the Bucs can get their three best offensive players healthy for the playoffs, they could be a dangerous team for anyone to face.

The Whitworth women's soccer team finished the season in fine fashion last weekend with a win and a tie on the road at George Fox and Pacific. That enabled the Pirates to tie for fourth place in the Northwest Conference. Whitworth was able to overcome a six-game losing streak early in the season. The team was led this season by a pair of sophomores, which bodes well for the future. Heather Sale scored six goals and Mary Hultgrenn added four goals and an assist.

Whitworth's volleyball team tied Puget Sound for the NWC title. Whitworth won its final three road matches, including a dramatic 3-2 win at UPS, to force the tie with the Loggers. The Pirates own the tie-breaker over the Loggers based on their win over UPS at the Whitworth Invitational in early September. Whitworth is the #2 seed in the West Region of the NCAA Div. III tournament; they'll play at Cal State Hayward this weekend. Julie Weatherred was named NWC MVP for 2001, while Kristen Turner and Lindsey Wagstaff were also named first-team All-NWC. Setter Nicole Weedman was named to the second team.

And Whitworth football steams toward its best finish in 40 years. If they beat L&C on Saturday, the Pirates could do no worse than tie for the NWC title. Doing so would give the Bucs their first NWC title since 1975. Whitworth's playoff fate would be up to the NCAA's national committee. Though the guys lost a big game to Linfield last weekend, quarterback Scott Biglin continues to work his magic. He has led the Pirates to six late game-winning touchdowns over the last two years. The offensive line, led by seniors Bob Adsero, Takashi Atkins and Scott Sulpizio, continues to

be one of the best in small-college football. And the defense "just makes plays," in the words of Head Coach John Tully. Linebacker Doug Edmonson is having an all-conference season, and the defensive line has been more than solid, led by seniors Shane Lyman and Roger Sherwood.

The Pirate cross-country teams ran well at the Northwest Conference championship meet. The Whitworth women finished in fourth place as a team, led by Leslie Nelson and Jessica Austin, who both earned All-NWC status with top-seven finishes. Nelson finished third overall, while Austin took sixth. Both have a chance to qualify for nationals at the NCAA West Regional Meet Nov. 10. Senior Adam Thornton closed out his cross-country career with a best-ever 19th-place finish to lead the men.

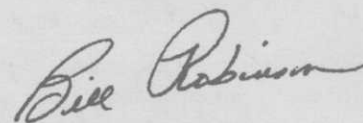
ALUMNI

Please join us for one of our wonderful 2001 Christmas Festival Concerts. The concerts, titled "Sing We Noël," will take place 11/30, 7:30 p.m., at First Pres Tacoma; 12/1, 7:30 p.m., at First Pres Bellevue; 12/2, 3 p.m., at First Pres Seattle, and 12/7, 8 p.m., and 12/8, 3 and 7 p.m., at First Pres Spokane. The prelude begins 20 minutes prior to each concert. Please call our music office, (509) 777-3280, for ticket information.

Enjoy a sumptuous dinner at the Harbor Club Seattle on Sun., Dec. 2 at 5 p.m., following the Christmas Concert at First Presbyterian Church in Seattle. All alums, parents and friends are invited; you'll be receiving more information in the next few weeks. Bonnie and I will be there, and we hope to see you.

For additional information regarding these events, please call the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at (800) 532-4668 or (509) 777-3799, e-mail twisenor@whitworth.edu, or visit our webpage at www.whitworth.edu/alumni.

September launches the academic year with warmth and optimism. October settles us in and paints the campus with color. But November seems to descend upon us rather harshly. Shorter days, colder weather, fatigue and the fact that there's still more than a month left in the semester – all gang up on our spirits. Then, just as we are really feeling sorry for ourselves, the perfect antidote comes to the rescue: Thanksgiving. This year will be a time in which we are especially aware of God's abundant blessings. Sometimes loss magnifies the goodness of what remains. Know that you will be central to many of my Thanksgiving prayers. In trying times, we rely upon the foundation of your faithful support. May this be a season in which our thankfulness for who God is overwhelms our concerns about who we are not. So I wish you grateful hearts. Truly, you have made us grateful.



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AN UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON, WHITWORTH COLLEGE

OCTOBER 2001

My friend Tom told me that when he read the September *Mind and Heart*, he sighed and said, "My, it was a different world when Bill wrote this." I'm sure many of you felt the same way. Like all the campuses in our land, we were rocked to the core by the events of Sept. 11. In the face of the victims' unimaginable suffering, it feels irreverent to report on how *we* are doing. But it is important for you to know that Whitworth students responded to this horror with profound sadness, great compassion and generosity, and a very mature patriotism. Especially warm has been the mutual embrace among international students, U.S. students, and all community members of Middle-Eastern descent. Remarkably, there were few losses that hit the Whitworth community directly, but all of us were touched in some way. I'll refer below to several ways in which the college reacted to the attacks, but let me conclude these remarks by expressing appreciation for your prayers. We stand under the same security that King David claimed when he declared, "The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life. Of whom, then, shall I be afraid?"

ACADEMICS

When Corliss Slack (History) wrote her recently published book, *Crusade Charters: 1138-1270*, she would not likely have predicted that we would now be in the midst of a war with those who name Islam as their faith. Her collection of 31 charters issued by crusaders departing from Northern France reveals that these warriors were not driven to battle by high religious ideals. Translated from Latin, the charters record the financial arrangements of the departing crusaders, who, Corliss concluded, were prompted largely by a complex mix of economic and political motives. The contents of these charters challenge long-held assumptions about why the Crusades were launched. Great work, Corliss!

Congratulations to trombonist Richard Strauch and cellist Roberta Bottelli (Music). Both successfully auditioned for the Spokane Symphony Orchestra. Rich and Roberta were competing against musicians from all over the country, so their accomplishments are all the more notable. Spokane is blessed with a superb symphony, and it just got better.

We've resumed our bi-weekly series of lunchtime faculty scholarship presentations, made possible by the generosity of Carol Myers and her trustee husband, David. Betty Williams (Education) gave a compelling presentation in mid-September on what we know about autism and the approaches to treating this little-understood disorder. In the second forum, I presented findings from my research on the ways in which changes in 20th-century organizations and leadership have resulted in a new set of demands upon leaders. In other words, I scoured the last hundred years looking for some glimmer of justification for going about my job the way I do.

Associate Dean Gordon Jackson has written another very helpful book, *A Compact Guide to Discovering God's Will*. "It's a tool-kit to help people make godly decisions," Gordon says. "As I worked

STUDENT LIFE

Homecoming was perfect. The weather couldn't have been better. The campus was gorgeous. Alumni, especially the Class of '91, came back in big numbers. What more can you ask for – a come-from-behind victory in the football game? Got it. Thanks to all of you for coming home.

Probably the most important event for students in October is Parents' (and families' and friends') Weekend. No matter what you may think, students love these visits; and, of course, parents do too. I know I look forward to visiting our son on his turf, as opposed to our turf, which he enters for the purpose of filling our washing machine or emptying our refrigerator. This year parents will be here Oct. 19-21. They will participate in mini-colleges with Whitworth professors, enjoy yummy food from the Sodexo people, take in a football game and attend this year's theatre production, *God's Country*. All registrations are due Oct. 12.

Events in October will include a relationship forum that will feature a panel of Whitworth professors and their spouses. And for those who find disagreements in marriage a bit too tame for their liking, we will host a Whitworth Night at Spokane Chiefs hockey. Students will also be engaged in service projects this month at Anna Ogden Hall and City Gate Mission. "The Weekend," a spiritual renewal retreat, will take place up at Camp Spalding on Oct. 12-14 and will feature Young Life Leadership Development Coordinator Kent McDonald. The month will end with Fall Break, when Outdoor Rec will sponsor a camping trip. Many students are also planning to take part that long weekend in a downtown Spokane conference, *Beyond Bigotry: The Future of Human Rights*, sponsored by The Northwest Coalition for Human Dignity. One day of the conference will focus specifically on campuses and students all over the Northwest, and the following day the material will take on a larger community focus.

with Whitworth students on academic issues and hard questions they faced in their personal lives, I began to think that if more people simply sat down and thought about some of the ideas in this book, then they could better do what God wants." The book, which addresses topics ranging from the nature of God's will to obedience to guilt, reflect a Web format, with brief topical chapters that are linked to other related sections.

In what is sure to be one of the most intellectually and emotionally compelling evenings of this academic year, we will soon be hearing from David Rawson, former U.S. Ambassador to Rwanda. Rawson's tenure included Rwanda's 1993 civil war, which led to the deaths of 800,000 people in just 100 days of brutal ethnic conflict. As Americans continue to come to terms with the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, this veteran U.S. diplomat will bring Whitworth a message of *Justice, Forgiveness, Peace: The Moral Challenge of Genocide* at 6 p.m. Nov. 13 in the chapel. The lecture is sponsored by the Weyerhaeuser Center for Christian Faith and Learning and Partners International, a Spokane-based nonprofit organization that supports indigenous Christian ministries around the world. Jim Waller (Psychology), a nationally recognized scholar and author on race relations and genocide, says Rawson's perspective and message are especially valuable in light of the Sept. 11 events as ordinary individuals in Spokane and around the country struggle to make sense of extraordinary evil. I've talked with Ambassador Rawson, and I was deeply impressed with his reflections on faith and politics in the face of moral chaos.

ENROLLMENT

Immediately following the 10th day of classes each semester, Registrar Gary Whisenand presents us with a comprehensive look at our enrollment picture. There is plenty of good news this year. We have record total enrollment (2,107) and record full-time undergraduate enrollment (1,815). We are also very pleased that 85.6 percent of last year's freshmen are with us this fall as sophomores, and our six-year graduation rate has reached almost 70 percent. These numbers represent wonderful progress, but our 10th-day figures did include one disappointment: our minority student enrollment is down. That continues to be a concern to us, especially given the sustained efforts we've made in minority recruitment and retention over the past decade. This remains a high priority for me, and we'll continue to work on this issue at a number of levels across campus.

The Financial Aid Office says thank you to the students and parents who have worked diligently to finish their financial aid files. For students whose financial aid still has not been disbursed, please contact the Financial Aid Office (509-777-3215, 800-533-4668 or finaid@whitworth.edu) soon.

Great Escape, our admissions weekend for high school seniors, is coming up Nov. 11-12. This is a great program for experiencing Whitworth in action, for getting a preview of college life, and for discovering why college students are so tired so much of the time. Students can find out more information and register on-line by clicking on the Prospective Student section of our website.

Sometimes, being Whitworth is hard. Last weekend ASWC sponsored a coffeehouse in which the entertainer chose to disregard the guidelines she'd been given and was inappropriately raw in her presentation. The organizers were stunned, having heard her in another venue speak effectively of her trials with race, gender and sexual orientation. Students were divided on whether this kind of shock treatment really helps or hurts our community, although most of the ones who contacted me feel plenty exposed to this stuff without having to bring it on campus. Personally, I think there are much more effective and appropriate ways to confront our students with challenging ideas. But rather than pretend it didn't happen, we're all trying to learn from it. That's part of being Whitworth. At the moment, I'm confident of one thing we really should do and one thing we really shouldn't do. When we are caught up in disagreement, we really should express ourselves in a spirit of grace and humility. And when we get burned, we really shouldn't yield to the temptation to adopt a hunker-in-the-bunker mentality. Being in the world without being of the world is no cakewalk.

RESOURCES

A group of Carlson Hall men from the early '80s has decided to work together to raise money for the new academic building. Though they may struggle to recall what such a building looks like, they're going to raise enough money to name one of the new classrooms. Sure, there may have been moments in their college years during which they were mildly diverted from academic pursuits, but they are dang generous now and have currently raised close to \$70,000 toward their \$100,000 goal. By the way, they're claiming that Mac Hall alums are too cheap to come anywhere near matching the Carlson philanthropists.

Thanks to all of you who have supported our Phonathon. You have brightened the evenings of our student callers and helped Whitworth. Students are encouraged by your generosity, which has resulted in more than \$30,000 in pledges in just under two weeks. Thanks from all of our students. If you haven't been called yet, the students are looking forward to connecting with you. We hope you'll enjoy the call, regardless of whether you're able to give.

On Sunday, Nov. 4, we'll host one of our favorite events. Our annual Scholarship Dinner provides an opportunity for our scholarship donors and student recipients to meet each other. This is a joyous time with a lot of love going around the room. Many of these students would not be at Whitworth were it not for their benefactors. This year we are presenting more than 175 scholarships to deserving students. On behalf of these students, and of those of us who get to teach them, thank you to all our donors. If you would like more information about the Scholarship Dinner or how to establish a scholarship, please contact Whitworth Fund Director Jillian Bell at 509-777-4447 or 800-532-4668.

Yesterday I entered Boppell Hall for the first time. It is an amazing residence hall. It is spacious, well designed, very functional, absolutely beautiful and, best of all, occupied. Thanks again to Chuck, '65, and Karlyn, '67, Boppell. You two are in for some serious gratitude when the students get hold of you at the dedication.

ATHLETICS

Whitworth is having a tremendous fall athletics season. Two teams are currently in first place in Northwest Conference standings. Two teams are ranked nationally and a third is right on the cusp of national ranking.

The women's volleyball team is off to its best start in 20 years. The Pirates are 13-4 overall and 6-1 in the NWC. Whitworth is ranked 13th in the nation, after reaching 7th earlier in the season. Julie Weatherred and Kristen Turner have formed a dominating one-two punch. They rank first and second in the NWC in overall hitting percentage, and Nicole Weedman leads the conference in sets per game. All the women are playing well, and they're really having a fun year.

The football team will battle for the Northwest Conference title this year. The Pirates are 3-0 overall and 1-0 in the NWC. The conference win was a huge one, a defeat of Pacific Lutheran for the first time since 1965. I got to see that game, and did I lose my optimism when we were down 26-6 in the third quarter to a team that had beaten us 33 consecutive times? Nah, never a doubt. Whitworth has not started this well since 1990, when the Bucs started 4-0 but finished 6-3. Wide receiver Dwayne Tawney is second in the nation in receptions per game (averaging almost 11). Quarterback Scott Biglin has engineered three second-half comebacks this season and has driven the Pirates to five final-minute wins in his two years as a starter. Linebacker Doug Edmonson has led a Whitworth defense that's playing great this year. And there are many more guys who are having great seasons. Go, Bucs!

The men's soccer team is also looking unbeatable. The Pirates are 9-1-1 overall, 6-0-1 in the NWC and ranked 23rd in the nation. The guys have been doing it with defense. Whitworth has given up only four goals in 11 matches, and their goals-against average ranks second in the nation. Sweeper Matt Stueckle anchors a defense that allows few good shots, and goalkeepers Doug Lupton and Ben Oakley have turned away almost all of the attempts that have reached them. The soccer Pirates have a strong chance to win their first NWC title since 1993.

Women's soccer came out of the gate a little slower, but I saw them this weekend and they looked great. The Pirates are 5-6 overall and 3-4 in the NWC, but they showed the kind of spark in their most recent games that could turn things around, beating George Fox and Pacific, both in O.T. Midfielders Heather Sale and Jessie Butte have been playing great, and Grace Grabner, also a midfielder, continues to direct the Pirate attack.

I've seen several cross-country meets this year, and the runners look very strong. The women have won three of the four meets in which they've competed. This is really impressive in light of them losing five of their top seven runners from last year. Leslie Nelson, Beth Abbey and Elizabeth Bailey have stepped up their performances from last season, and the addition of all-around athlete Jessica Austin (last spring's NWC heptathlon champion, who also plays on the women's basketball team) could make them contenders for the conference championship. The Whitworth men, led by Ben Robinson, Jesse Stevick and Adam Thornton, have also shown dramatic improvement. They have a legitimate shot at finishing in the upper third of the conference this year.

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Join alumni, parents and friends for an evening of sweet treats and cool jazz on Saturday, Nov. 10. (See more about the concert below.) Hear from director Dan Keberle and guest artist Steve Turre as you enjoy a pre-concert dessert in the HUB. For information about the dessert or the event below, contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations (509-777-3772, 800-532-4668 or atomson@whitworth.edu).

Core 650 is coming to Northern California. Enjoy an interactive lecture from Professor Ron Pyle (Communication Studies) on Nov. 3 at Community Presbyterian Church in Danville, and/or hear Ron preach the next day at Saratoga Presbyterian Church.

MISCELLANEOUS

Tickets are now available for Saturday Night Jazz. Come hear jazz trombone virtuoso and *Saturday Night Live* band member Steve Turre in concert with the award-winning Whitworth College Jazz Ensemble on Saturday, Nov. 10, at 8 p.m. in Cowles Auditorium. Call the Whitworth Music Office, 509-777-3280, for more informa-

tion. Steve Turre will also be conducting a free clinic on Friday, Nov. 9, at 5:15 p.m. in the Whitworth Music Building band room.

Whitworth's responses to Sept. 11:

• **On Sept. 11,** I sent out three e-mails to the campus over the course of the day, with the objective of providing emotional/spiritual support and information. We did not cancel classes. We felt it important for students to gather in class, but to process this issue rather than conduct curricular business as usual. We had a prayer vigil at noon at which Terry McGonigal, our dean of the chapel, and I made comments and invited prayers. We supplemented our full-time counseling staff with part-time counselors and had them all positioned to support the students on campus. We set up opportunities to donate blood and we also stationed TVs in some places on campus where we felt they would be helpful. We kept the HUB open all night and had faculty members meeting spontaneously with students in the residence halls throughout the evening. At 9:45 p.m. we held a gathering in the chapel that replaced our normal Hosanna service. I'm sure that most of us ended the day by whispering prayers for the victims.

• **In addition to the many classroom discussions and informal conversations between faculty and students, we hosted a very thoughtful panel presentation** by several of our faculty the week after the attack. Bringing a wide range of insights were Julia Stronks (Political Science), Raja Tanas (Sociology), Kyle Usrey (School of Global Commerce and Management), Rob Wilson (Economics/Business and Political Science), and John Yoder (Politics and History). The panel covered topics ranging from the appropriate Christian response to the attacks, including thoughts on the Just War theory, to its economic implications. Ginny Whitehouse (Communication Studies) served as moderator.

• **Many of us invited students into our homes for discussions.** On Wednesday, Sept. 12, Bonnie and I had students over to chat. Two students were especially affected. One was a Chinese student who couldn't fathom how this could happen. The other was a student from Columbine High School who reported how hard this was for our Columbine students who lived through a different and closer terror.

• **From ASWC:** ASWC has done several things in response to the attacks of Sept. 11. First, we set up a kiddie pool (complete with actual goldfish) in the middle of the HUB. It was a place for students to put money to go to the Red Cross. Second, dorm presidents and members of the assembly went around the dorms to collect money. Both of these efforts were very successful, and we managed to raise \$2,526.44 for the Red Cross.

This is a longer Mind and Heart than usual. Every time I write one of these, I send it to Terry Mitchell (Publications), who promptly tells me to shave words – lots of words. This time Terry and I agreed that the extra words were merited. I'll close this long letter by citing two e-mails I received after the attack. One came 15 minutes after I sent my first message on the morning of the 11th. It said simply, "Thank you. I was waiting to hear from you." The other e-mail was from a student who said, "I have found that despite the media's showing of images of hate crimes against Arabs (or those who appear to be Arabs), the Whitworth community has been very positive. I commend students and faculty on their comments and actions. The message has been plain: 'Don't condemn an entire race, just forgive the perpetrators.' I am particularly sensitive about this because I am of Arab descent." Both of these messages lift high the privilege and responsibility of our calling to Whitworth College. Whitworth is needed more than ever. I can get shaken pretty easily by terrorism and a tumbling economy. But God is faithful, our strength and our redeemer. Whitworth is going to be fine. As I wrote in a recent note to our trustees: *I don't think Chicken Little majored in history. The sky didn't fall any of the other times this country or this college faced serious threat. A strong mission and great people seem to prevail over time. We at Whitworth are trying to get out in front of the challenges, but we are not preoccupied with worst-case scenarios. We believe in our cause and in our people. In Dale Soden's book, The Reverend Mark Matthews, he quotes William Jennings Bryan's opening remarks to the 1896 Democratic National Convention in Chicago: "The humblest citizen in all the land, when clad in the armor of a righteous cause, is stronger than all the hosts of error. I come to speak to you in defense of a cause as holy as the cause of liberty – the cause of humanity."* Whitworth plays a very important role in advancing the cause of liberty, the cause of humanity and the cause of Christ. Thank you for your very important role in Whitworth's mission.

Bill Robinson

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AN UPDATE FROM WHITWORTH COLLEGE PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON

SEPTEMBER 2001

FINALLY, classes are in session. Almost three weeks ago, as early arriving student leaders and athletes began to appear on campus, most of us felt our "go" reflexes begin to jerk. Three weeks is a long time to jerk, so we all felt good yesterday when opening convocation brought us together and classes began. Last night I hung out in the HUB during dinner and then drifted through one of the residence halls. Returning students seemed confident and excited about their courses. New students were a little subdued. I think the contrast between the screaming chaos of Mock Rock on Tuesday night and the abrupt regimentation of classes on Wednesday morning must have caught their attention. One returning student told me about a spontaneous gathering after Mock Rock with his friends in which they talked about what they learned over the summer. Another mentioned to me that she'd spent the summer fighting fires and was so glad to be back. A freshman confessed that homesickness was beginning to unravel her. And another reported feeling pretty nervous en route to audition for the choir. When I got home I flopped into my chair and groaned at a pile of work that had sneaked onto my desk while I'd been out all day making speeches. After seriously trash-talking the pile and heading for the refrigerator with a scornful "Who cares?" I laughed at myself. Because I know God cares. I know God cares about homesickness, choir, classes, and even sparrows. And I know God cares about Whitworth, and it is going to be a good year.

ACADEMICS

A number of our faculty members spent time this summer helping architects design the new classroom building, Weyerhaeuser Hall, which will occupy the site of the old Leavitt Dining Hall. The building will capture some of the rich, traditional feel of Mac and Ballard, but will also blend in nicely with newer buildings on campus. It will house the School of Global Commerce and Management, the Department of Politics and History and the Sociology Department. We hope to break ground next summer.

Speaking of the School of Global Commerce, we're anticipating this being a great first year of operation. The new dean, Kyle Usrey, brings extensive background, skill and leadership to the program. We're confident that folding all of our business-related curricula into one school characterized by the international engagement that Whitworth has always promoted will add strength to each component.

Through the efforts of Susan Mabry (Math/Computer Science), we will be receiving a \$188,000 grant from the National Science Foundation. This "Multi-Agents for Intelligent Monitoring" (*a la* Maxwell Smart) grant will provide support for faculty/student research and coursework over the next three years. The grant will also provide additional equipment for the computer-research lab and for summer research experiences for our students. Good job, Susan!

This will be an interesting year for Whitworth's involvement in efforts to address regional poverty. A very important grant from the Murdock Charitable Trust, my role as co-chair of the Mayor's Opportunity Council on Poverty, and expanded service learning in student coursework will all deepen our involvement in attacking regional poverty. In the area of service learning, congratulations to Kathy Storm (Student Life) and the Service-Learning Office. They have received a \$500 grant from Campus Compact to support a service-learning fair. Special thanks to former service-learning coordinator Karina Boslet, '99, who put the grant together.

This year our freshman seminar, required of all first-year students, has a new look. We're keeping the advising portion unchanged, and we will keep giving these students the careful attention we've offered ever since we started the program in the late 1980s. But this fall we've added a significant content area that poses some thought-provoking questions for our students about their values and commitments. Thanks to the above-mentioned major grant from the Murdock Charitable Trust, we're helping our students think through what it means to live "Lives of Commitment," particularly as they encounter social injustices and spiritual needs that cry out for their response.

ENROLLMENT

In spite of our efforts to control growth, it looks like we broke a few records. According to Registrar Gary Whisenand's preliminary enrollment figures for this fall, it appears that we've enrolled our largest-ever freshman class, 425 students, and that we have a record 1,720 full-time undergraduates enrolled. Our total enrollment stands at 2,040. Another great number, Gary notes, is the 86 percent retention of last year's freshmen, roughly 15 percentage points above the national average. While we won't know the precise numbers for a few more days, we're pleased with the early indications that we're attracting and keeping excellent students.

I love this new freshman class (way more than did the hornets in my backyard who expressed their disapproval at our reception honoring these incoming Whitworthians. My apologies to students and families).

I had a chance to meet many students and their parents during Orientation Weekend. We already knew that this is a very bright class, but the students also strike me as warm and eager – and animated when bees zoom up their pantlegs.

STUDENT LIFE

I just took a break from writing this and went to Chapel, which was great, then grabbed a bite with four freshmen. All four had one thing in common: fatigue. They'll pencil sleep into their schedules soon, but there is a lot going on. The year begins with *Faces of America*, a Broadway show that features poignant vignettes of the people who make up the multicultural mix of America. Homecoming follows, with the theme *Until the Cows Come Home*, which will include dorm decorating, square dancing, live bands, the football game, the swim meet, a dance, and no cows. Community Building Day will also be a part of Homecoming Week as approximately 600 faculty, students and staff will assist organizations throughout Spokane in service projects. Finally, the Outdoor Recreation Office will take advantage of September's warm weather with boating trips to Coeur d'Alene, and Intramural Sports will begin the year with ultimate Frisbee and volleyball.

By the way, I shamed myself again this year in the orientation skit. My *Saturday Night Fever* character was a disgusting cross between John Travolta and Bonzo the chimp. Senior Stephanie Stern, however, performed elegantly and asked me to mention that in this newsletter.

RESOURCES

Boppell Hall is right on schedule for a mid-October opening. It already looks great from the outside. The week after residents move in, the Boppells – Chairman of the Whitworth Board Chuck, '65, and Karlyn, '67 – will be on campus for the fall board meeting. Although they're not even moved in, prospective Boppell Hall residents are already talking about how to express their gratitude to Chuck and Karlyn for making this beautiful building possible.

Many of you who saw Whitworth for the first time while dropping off your students raved about the beauty of this campus. Well, I have bad news and good news. The bad news is that ultimate Frisbee has begun in the Loop, so before long golf-course green will be replaced by horse-stable brown (but there can't be a better sight than ultimate Frisbee in the middle of a college campus on a late afternoon in the fall. Where is Winslow Homer when you need him?). The good news is that we are committed to doing an even better job with our physical plant. Now that our buildings are on a solid maintenance schedule, we're assessing our policies, processes and management practices. Facilities managers from other colleges will be coming in November to do an evaluation.

News of our capital campaign is encouraging. Here's the latest report from Institutional Advancement on gift activity during our 2000/2001 fiscal year:

- Total giving for the campaign is \$49,212,792. We are only \$787,208 away from our \$50-million campaign goal.
- In FY 2001 we received just over \$3.4 million in *new* pledges. Our total outstanding major pledge balance is \$4,475,492.
- The total number of gift transactions this year was up 13 percent from last year and up nine percent from FY 99.
- Additions to The Whitworth Foundation (reported at fair market value) totaled \$1,088,105.

That's the good news. But we still need \$4,178,065 for Weyerhaeuser Hall. Normally, this is where I would urge you to consider the gift of appreciated equities, but since "appreciated equities" has become an

oxymoron for everyone I know, our challenge is huge. We won't proceed with construction on next summer's start date if the funds have not been received or pledged. So please let us know if you can help, or if you know of people who might be in a position to support our mission in this way.

ATHLETICS

In volleyball, the Pirates' commitment, confidence, skill and teamwork helped them finish 3-1 and place second in the 16-team Whitworth Invitational. Beating UPS, last year's conference champs, was a special thrill. Kristen Turner, Julie Weathered, Lindsay Wagstaff and Nicole Weedman were brilliant. Looks like a great year for our resurgent volleyballers, who head south to take on four schools from Southern California this weekend. I'm preaching at Glendale Presbyterian Church, so I'll get to see the women play Occidental as I head off to an alumni barbecue and our football game against Chapman University. (I'm editing this on the way home from California where the women went 4-0 and the football team won 21-10!)

Women's soccer opened with shutout wins against two bigtime California teams. The Pirates shocked the U.C. Santa Cruz Banana Slugs, an NCAA tournament team last year, with a 1-0 overtime win. The victory came on a corner kick from junior Dalyce Young when the ball bounced off the head of a UCSC defender and into the goal (exactly the way Coach Bushey drew it up). Freshman goalie Sheila Sutherland made eight saves in the shutout. Game two wasn't quite as dramatic, but the Bucs, led by juniors Addi Norman and Annika Ritter, pulled out another 1-0 victory, over Cal State Hayward. This is the best beginning since 1996 for the women, whose home opener is this weekend against Carroll College.

Men's soccer was equally successful on the road, recording a couple shutouts of their own against the same schools the women faced. The U.C. Santa Cruz men's team also qualified for the NCAA tournament last year, but their guys couldn't score a goal against senior Buc goalie Doug Lupton, who successfully shut out the Slugs just after successfully proposing to Kasey Kirk, '02. Senior Matt Stueckle scored the game's only goal off a free kick at 23:55. The next day the men took on Cal State Hayward, and Lupton teamed with freshman goalie Ben Oakley to pick up another shutout. Senior Brian Hein, junior Scott Kerwien, sophomore Kurt Kagawa, and freshmen Bobby LaBelle and Shawn Hanna led the way. After their fast start, the men play a very tough Simon Fraser team this weekend at Whitworth.

The football team, which opens the season this weekend at Chapman University in California, is gearing up for a great year. Northwest Conference coaches picked the Bucs to finish third in the league behind Pacific Lutheran and Linfield, who have traded trips to the national playoffs for the past several thousand years – so that's pretty good. But it's not good enough for our guys, who plan to end their drought against the Big Two and vie for a conference championship this year.

The cross country teams got off to a great start with the women finishing first and the men finishing third in the Harrier Invitational, which we hosted with Gonzaga. Leslie Nelson and Jessica Austin went 1-2 to lead the women to victory, while Ben Robinson and Jesse Stevich finished 6th and 7th in the men's race. Elizabeth Abbey and Elizabeth Bailey for the women and Adam Thornton for the men also had excellent

racers. Bonnie and I had the privilege of hosting Head Coach Toby Schwarz and 36 runners for an overnight at our getaway place on the Pend Oreille River. What a great group of young people, especially the Robinson kid!

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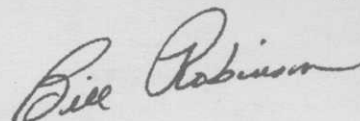
Alumni and parents are invited to join Forrest Baird (Philosophy) for an educational trip to China next March 15-24. Details are available on the alumni pages of the college website (www.whitworth.edu/alumni). Space is extremely limited, so you'll want to get your deposit in immediately. I found China to be a magnificent land, and Forrest will do a great tour.

September 28-30 is shaping up to be a wonderful Homecoming Weekend. If you didn't receive a brochure, please contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations or visit the Homecoming 2001 website.

Later this month, our students will begin "smiling and dialing" for the annual Whitworth Fund Phonathon. The students are looking forward to connecting with many of you. These students will not try to sell you aluminum siding or a credit card. They just love their school and realize that without your support, they probably wouldn't be here. So thanks for talking to them.

On Friday night, October 19, alumni, parents and friends are invited to join Diana Trotter (Theatre) for dessert and discussion before the fall theatre production, *God's Country*. For more information about any of these events, please call or e-mail the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 509-777-3772, 800-532-4668, or atomson@whitworth.edu.

Yesterday at opening convocation I urged our students to be faithful to their consciences and convictions. (For the full text of the convocation address, click on the "President's Messages" link on my homepage – www.whitworth.edu/president.) So many messages from our culture have a "Delilah" quality to them, seductively trying to shift our focus from things that really matter, to all things popular. This afternoon, *U.S. News and World Report* released its college rankings. Whitworth moved up from being slotted as the ninth-best master's-degree-level school in the West into a tie for seventh. I'm very grateful for this evidence of the growing awareness of Whitworth's exceptional academic quality. I've been pretty critical of these rankings in the past, because it makes me squirm when I see students and parents placing too much confidence in a list that doesn't begin to capture the best of who we are. I guess I just don't want to let these external measures distract us from the voice within – the voice of our mission. This summer I meditated on a psalm of David in which he mused, "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple." If Whitworth students learn what it really means "to behold" and "to inquire," we will have achieved more than any ranking can reflect. Thanks to all of you alumni, donors, friends and parents (some of you are all four!) for giving us the kind of support that allows us to be who we are meant to be. You make Whitworth possible.



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AN UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON, WHITWORTH COLLEGE

SUMMER 2001

Here's my situation. I'm not on a plane. I'm sitting on the deck at our cabin. Before me a perfectly still river reflects tree-topped mountains as a rising sun provides warmth in the cool, early morning air. As I'm surrounded by the splendor of God's creation, one thing dominates my thoughts: "I wonder how we're doing on the general education curriculum." I need professional help. Actually, before I started fussing, the beauty of the earth did seem to enrich my morning prayers. Among those prayers was intercession on behalf of a wonderful friend in Portland battling the return of a virulent cancer. Please pray for her. Life is at once so good and so hard. I find that its joys and sorrows seem to be intensifying. Maybe I'm getting more emotional as I age, or maybe Bonnie's wonderful sensitivity is rubbing off on me. I heard that she cried at the grand opening of Alton's Tire Center. Well, I hope you are having a renewing summer season. Even when we're working hard, the change of rhythm in the academic calendar refreshes us at Whitworth. If you're getting this newsletter for the first time, you're probably the parent of a new student. I write *M&H* monthly and send it to alumni, donors, parents of students and others. My objective is to keep you informed; my format is bragging and complaining. I can't help myself. I love this school, and I hope you will, too.

ACADEMICS

Let's get right down to the bragging. Last month I mentioned that I would include some of Whitworth's recent honors. Here is a sampling:

- Doris Liebert, M.Ed. '75 (School of Education), is this year's recipient of the Washington State Excellence in Teacher Education Award. This award is given yearly to one teacher-educator in the state, and comes with \$2,500 to use for professional development over the next year. For many of us, Doris provides a living picture of what Christian service means.
- Our own "poet laureate," Laurie Lamon, '79 (English), has once again received national recognition for her work – this time via the prestigious Pushcart Prize. She learned last month that her poem *Pain Thinks of the Beautiful Table* will be republished as part of this year's *Pushcart Anthology* comprising the nation's top literary work. The *New York Times Book Review* describes the anthology, with its selection of short stories, essays, and poetry first published by small presses and magazines nationwide, as "the single best measure of the state of affairs in American literature today."
- Ginny Whitehouse (Communication Studies) received a regional award for her fine work with her department's internship program. The Northwest Career Educators and Employers Association gave Ginny its Outstanding Service Award for the quality of the program she oversees and for the inordinate amount of time that she spends with each student in finding appropriate worksites.
- Scott Kolbo (Art) recently received the Best of Show in Printmaking award at the Bradley National Print and Drawing Exhibition, in Illinois. The Bradley National, a selective exhibition showcasing some of the best examples of contemporary printmaking and drawing, proved to us all that Scott's shows play in Peoria.
- Kent Jones and Susan Mabry (both Computer Science) have each received \$13,000 summer research awards for faculty-student research. Kent received a faculty research award from the Carl M. Hansen Foundation, and Susan received the Whitworth College Summer Science Research Award, which is new funding from the college. Susan and Kent will join other science faculty including Susan Bratton (Lindaman Chair), Richard Stevens (Physics), and Frank Caccavo (Biology), who are busy this summer leading externally funded faculty-student research projects.
- Jim Waller (Psychology) has learned that his book, *Prejudice Across America*, is a finalist for a 2001 Outstanding Book Award from the Gustavus Myers Program for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights in North America. The selections will be announced later this summer.
- The Whitworth Choir has been selected to perform next March at the Northwestern Division American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) convention in Tacoma. Groups invited to the bi-annual division conventions are selected via anonymous audition tapes. The choir's invitation is one of only six issued in the collegiate division, which comprises the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska, Montana, and Wyoming. Also, the Whitworth Wind Ensemble has been invited to perform at the regional College Band Directors National Association Conference next spring. This conference, of the organization's Northwestern/Western Division Conference, showcases 10 of the outstanding college bands and wind ensembles from throughout the Western U.S. The invitation to perform at CBDNA is the highest honor that the Whitworth Wind Ensemble has received. Congratulations to choir director Bryan Priddy and ensemble director Richard Strauch, and to all of our wonderful student musicians.
- On the grants front, Delbert Friesen (Physics), Kent Jones (Computer Science), Finn Pond (Biology) and Karen Stevens (Chemistry) received a total of \$50,548 in equipment from the Fluke Corporation, one of our most consistently generous donors. Ken Pecka (Instructional Resources) has been awarded \$5,000 from the Independent Colleges of Washington, funded by Verizon, to continue preparing faculty-incorporated

technology. And Rick Hornor (Theatre) received \$7,000 from Foundation Northwest to support the Performing Arts Camp that he runs in collaboration with Riverside Schools. Foundation Northwest is our local community foundation.

The Weyerhaeuser Center for Christian Faith and Learning is preparing to host on campus a group of scholars from across the country to explore centuries-old questions about human nature and human behavior. The seminar, led by C. Stephen Evans, professor of philosophy at Calvin College, grapples with the question, "How Might Christians Think and Teach About Human Nature?" In addition to Evans, presenters included Jim Waller (Psychology) and Nancey Murphy, professor of Christian philosophy at Fuller Theological Seminary. I think all of us would be surprised if we were really aware of the extent to which the way we approach life is influenced by our assumptions about human nature. This is a huge issue that every Whitworth student should examine.

We welcome Kyle Usrey as dean of our recently formed School of Global Commerce and Management. Kyle's expertise in international law, academic background in business and law, experience in the business world, and extensive work-related travel around the world all equip him superbly for this leadership role. A former trial lawyer, he comes to us from Hardin-Simmons University, in Abilene. Kyle will be an important resource not only for Whitworth but for our entire region.

Through the support of the Title VIB Grant, U.S. Department of Education, four of our faculty recently attended the Faculty Development in International Business Conference at the University of South Carolina, considered one of the finest programs in the country. This was the first integrated activity of the School of Global Commerce and Management. Tom Pitzer (M.I.M.), Christie Anderson (Organizational Management), Rob Wilson (Econ/Business), and Jack Gambill (Econ/Business) participated in intensive, specialized workshops on international management, finance, business and marketing.

We've successfully concluded a number of searches for faculty positions. Tenure-track faculty joining us in the fall will be Brent Edstrom (Music), Jim McPherson (Communication Studies), Donna Pierce (Computer Science and Mathematics) and Jake Semeijn (Master of International Management). Other new appointments include O. J. Cotes (Education), Jim Hayford (head men's basketball coach and Kinesiology), Tom Hillman (Chemistry and Physics), Doug Laher (Economics and Business), Julie Rudolph (Modern Languages), Todd Sandberg (athletics trainer and Scotford Fitness Center director), Bendi Benson Schrambach (Modern Languages), Deborah Tully (Education) and Ron Turner (Computer Science and Mathematics).

Gordon Jackson, our associate dean for Academic Affairs, has written a book rooted "in the countless conversations I have had with Whitworth students over nearly two decades." Titled *A Compact Guide to Discovering God's Will*, the book "is aimed at anyone faced with important decisions, and who wants to make them in a way pleasing to God." The book, published by NavPress, was released this month. I know this book will be very helpful, and if the will of God can be treated with humor, I'm sure Gordon has figured out a way to do it.

ENROLLMENT

I'm thrilled that we exceeded 1,600 applications for this year's freshman class, but I'm saddened by reports of financial stresses blocking the return of some current students. I know how tough this economy is on students and donors. We'll continue to work hard at building the endowment to relieve the pressure, and we admire the sacrifices you make to attend and support Whitworth.

STUDENT LIFE

The Student Life staff is busy preparing for the arrival of new and returning students this fall. New students and their parents will be informed and entertained (at least once at my expense) during New-Student Orientation, which begins Sept. 1 with the residence halls opening at 10 a.m. Parents can attend a variety of programs with and without their students through lunch on Sunday the 2nd. Returning students arrive on Monday, Sept. 3, and they too will be informed and entertained by eager professors. Students can look forward to the traditional Stewart Lawn Dance on Friday the 7th, the annual volleyball tourney on Saturday afternoon in the Loop, and the performance of the renowned *Faces of America* in the HUB Saturday the 8th as the first coffeehouse of the year.

RESOURCES

Speaking of your support, we are closing the fiscal year and it looks like we have again balanced our operating budget. Audit work is beginning, and we will be busy with that over the next six to eight weeks. Thanks to all of you who support our mission through gifts and tuition. We are especially grateful for a year-end gift to The Whitworth Foundation from Marketta Buckler, whose generosity will ultimately provide scholarships to deserving students in memory of Buckler family members. And thanks to the Whitworth faculty and staff who steward these funds with the utmost integrity and efficiency.

The campus this summer is every bit as beautiful as the panorama here from my deck. Deep, bright colors give a special definition to the grass, the flower gardens and even the buildings. Our Physical Plant staff approach the grounds as a canvas upon which they team up with God for some amazing artistry. They are also involved with a host of campus projects:

- Boppell Hall is on schedule for completion by early October. Brickwork is starting this week.
- Cowles Auditorium is undergoing replacement of HVAC systems and electrical service. We'll be back in there for the start of school, and it will be cool and comfortable.
- The old Leavitt site has been seeded and has begun to "green up" for this school year. If all goes well with the fund-raising for Weyerhaeuser Hall, we'll start putting a building back on that site next summer.
- Beyond Hall repairs are under way; the building will be ready for students again in the fall.
- McMillan and South Warren are being spruced up as part of our five-year dorm rotation and they'll be ready this fall, too.
- We are working on methods of sub-metering in all of the dorms to get the students involved in electrical conservation. This is a direct result of our energy conservation idea contest.
- The Fieldhouse will have a new roof and new bleachers before the start of basketball season.
- In the less glamorous category, we are upgrading five elevators on campus, as well as our underground primary electrical and natural gas systems.

ATHLETICS

I'm glad to report that Whitworth's Matt Squires was selected in the 18th round of the Major League Baseball draft by the Philadelphia Phillies. He was the 560th player taken. Congratulations to Matt, a wonderful athlete and person. It's been about a decade since a Whitworth baseball player got drafted.

Whitworth was well represented among the 5,600+ teams competing in Spokane's Hoopfest, the largest three-on-three basketball tournament in the world. I would say at least 30 teams had Whitworth folks on their rosters. Emboldened by their terror-instilling team name, "The Whitworth Faculty," players "Pound-the-Boards" Pecka (Information Resources), "Pogo-Stick" Pyle (Communication Studies), "Sharp-Shooting" Soden (History and Weyerhaeuser Center for Christian Faith and Learning), and "Rotting-Bones" Robinson (president and objective sports reporter) lost their first game (victims of cheating), then gloriously won their next five (fair play) before falling in the semifinals (more cheating). That event is so much fun, and we actually played pretty well for a group of aging academics.

ALUMNI

Join alumni, staff, parents and friends on Aug. 16 at 6 p.m. as the Spokane Indians take on the Yakima Bears in Northwest League baseball action at Avista Stadium. Reserved box-seat tickets are \$6 and are available through the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 777-3732.

Homecoming is September 28-30 this year. Check out the web for all the latest additions to the schedule. It will be a wonderful weekend for all alumni to return to the campus. You can tour Boppell Hall, enjoy Pirates football action, and share a country fair picnic with the entire Whitworth family. I'm looking forward to the 10-year reunion for the Class of 1991, held on Saturday night.

Susan (Emery) Hornor, '70, '93 M.Ed., was recently honored by the Association for Direct Instruction as Outstanding Teacher of the Year during the group's conference in Eugene, Oregon. Susan teaches first grade at Evergreen Elementary in Spokane and has done cutting-edge work in adapting direct-instruction teaching concepts for the mainstream classroom (D.I. has long been used in special-education programs).

More than 130 alumni and spouses enjoyed a wonderful weekend of fellowship (and food) during Reunion Weekend 2001 in June. Thirty-one members of the Class of 1951 were honored at their 50th reunion, and I had a chance to speak to everyone in attendance before and after my Hoopfest follies. These weekends are absolutely great. I hope to see many of you next year.

I feel like I should probably send a blanket apology to any of you whom I have neglected this past year. I could not have imagined all that I would be called upon to do as board chair of the Spokane Regional Chamber of Commerce. But it has been a very rewarding experience, and I have seen many opportunities to bring Whitworth's mind and heart values into difficult situations. My tenure concludes in September, and with renewed focus I will plunge into my 16th year as a college president, and my ninth at this great place. Thanks to all of you for upholding our students through your prayers and support. When the challenges of this work make us cower, we remember your faithfulness. And even more, we remember the words with which God commissioned a reluctant Moses to rescue the captive Israelites: "Certainly, I will be with you."

Bill Robinson